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EUGENE KEPLER

Prominent among the representatives of commercial activity in Peoria, Eugene Kepler was numbered. Starting out in the business world in a humble capacity, he became recognized as one of the foremost representatives of the shoe trade in America and no one ever grudged him his success, so worthily was it won and so worthily used. His life story should serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others, showing what can be accomplished when untiring effort is guided by laudable ambition and sound judgment.

Mr. Kepler was born in Litchfield, Illinois, March 23, 1872, the only son of Andrew and Frances Kepler, whose family also numbered a daughter, Grace. The parents were early residents of Illinois and the mother died when her son was but six years of age. The father was a harness-maker of Litchfield but for two years prior to his death was an invalid. When only eight years of age Eugene Kepler sold sandwiches and newspapers at the trains in order to get money for the needs of the family. He early learned the value of industry, perseverance and honesty and these qualities dominated his entire business career. When a youth of fourteen he went to Springfield, Illinois, where he pursued a business course, and at the same time he held a position in a shoe store of that city, being employed as a clerk at a weekly wage of fifteen dollars. While thus working he attracted the attention of a Mr. Burns, a shoe dealer of Peoria, Illinois, who offered him employment and brought him to this city in 1891. Something of his capability and his dependability is shown in the fact that after six months he was made manager of the store.

Mr. Kepler carefully saved his earnings and in 1902, at the age of thirty years, had acquired sufficient capital to enable him to open a small store of his own at 403 South Adams street. His

investment consisted of only four hundred dollars. He could not put in a large stock for lack of capital and credit and so after closing the store for the day he would ride in a day coach, sitting up through the night, to Chicago and bring back with him as much additional stock as he could afford to buy. It was this kind of courage and determination that enabled him to overcome difficulties and win success. Steadily his trade grew. His store was enlarged and in the course of years he became one of the leading shoe merchants of the United States. His rise was rapid and his fame was widespread. His ability and what he accomplished made him known from coast to coast and he was quoted in magazines devoted to the shoe industry, being termed the "Shoe King." He continued to carry on the business on South Adams street until 1915, when he opened another store at 121 South Adams street, declared at that time to be the finest shoe store in the state, outside of Chicago. In 1923 he also established a shoe store in Lincoln, Illinois, known as Kepler's Style Shop, which he conducted successfully for some time and then sold. Not long before his demise Mr. Kepler closed out his store at 403 South Adams street, disposing of the entire stock by sale. He long occupied a prominent and honored position among the shoe merchants of the country and in 1926 was elected president of the Illinois Shoe Retailers Association, which office he filled for a year. He likewise filled the presidency of the National Shoe Retailers Association for two terms and he made valuable contribution to the shoe trade in that he put forth many new ideas which proved to his competitors and colleagues a source of business expansion. He developed his individual interests along practical and progressive lines and his labors were at all times attended by substantial and gratifying results.

Mr. Kepler was married in early manhood to Miss Minnie Gloeckel, of Peoria, who died in 1915. On the 8th of August, 1921, he married Mrs. Edna Worden Stark, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, a daughter of William H. and Charlotte (Shaffer) Worden of that city. They traveled life's journey happily together until Mr. Kepler passed away September 25, 1927, being instantly killed in an automobile accident which occurred in the early morning of that day, when he and his wife, accompanied by friends, had traveled only a short distance from Peoria on a contemplated motor

trip to New York city. In his passing Peoria lost one of her valued and representative citizens and his life in every respect commanded the confidence and good-will of all who knew him. He was a staunch supporter of all those projects which make for civic progress and labored untiringly for the welfare and benefit of Peoria. He also did much in a charitable way but his benefactions were quietly bestowed and he avoided all publicity in this connection. Mrs. Kepler, in full sympathy with his work along that line, still supports the charities which he fostered. In politics Mr. Kepler was a republican but neither held nor desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies and attention upon his business interests. He took a keen and active interest in all manly outdoor sports and was a member of the Illinois Valley Yacht and Canoe Club. He also belonged to the Optimists Club, the Creve Coeur Club, the Mount Hawley Country Club and the North Shore Country Club. Fraternally he was connected with Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., Peoria Consistory of the Scottish Rite, Mohammed Temple of the Mystic Shrine, and Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E. He was long an outstanding figure in business and social circles of Peoria and "Gene" Kepler, as he was known, was loved and respected by all and his friends were legion.

LYNN S. MCCOY

Lynn S. McCoy, of Peoria, a member of one of the old and honored families of this locality, is meeting with very gratifying success as agency director of the Peoria Life Insurance Company, in which capacity he has assisted in that company's prosperity. Born in Peoria on the 20th of August, 1878, he is a son of Andrew Lindsay and Ida (Weis) McCoy. In the paternal line he is descended from Alexander McCoy, a native of Scotland, whose elder brother, Robert, came to this country and settled in Peters township, Cumberland county (afterwards Franklin county), Pennsylvania, where he took up grants of land. He died there in 1740, leaving a son, Robert. The latter married his cousin, Sally McCoy, a daughter of his uncle Alexander, and left a large family at his death. He was a Revolutionary soldier and was killed in the battle of Crooked Bullets. John Andrew McCoy, grandson of Alex-

ander McCoy, was a native of Pennsylvania, and in 1836 came to Peoria, Illinois, where his death occurred in 1885. He was a successful dealer in general merchandise and was an influential citizen of his community, having served as treasurer of Peoria county and as a justice of the peace for many years. In his religious faith he was a Presbyterian and in politics he was a republican and was a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln. His son, Andrew Lindsay McCoy, who was born in Peoria, December 1, 1839, and died in California, August 6, 1924, was president of the James McCoy Company, wholesale grocers, which firm had been established in 1856 by his brother, James McCoy, and is still doing an extensive wholesale business in Peoria. James McCoy was a republican in politics and was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Peoria. Ida (Weis) McCoy was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, October 14, 1844, and is now living in Florence, Italy. Her father, Dr. Ezra Weis, a native of Hagerstown, was a prominent physician, who practiced in Ashland, Kentucky, and later in Peoria, where he died. During the Civil war he served as a surgeon in the Union Army. His wife, also a native of Maryland, died in Peoria.

Lynn S. McCoy received his educational training in the public and high schools of Peoria, and at the age of seventeen years he became a traveling salesman for the James McCoy Company, with which he was connected in that capacity for twelve years. He then became a professional shooter for the Remington Arms Company, of Ilion, New York, and Bridgeport, Connecticut, and was with that concern for twelve years, after which, for five years, he was sales manager for Altorfer Brothers Company, manufacturers of washing machines, of Peoria. He next was employed for about three years in special work for the Remington Typewriter Company in Illinois and then joined the Peoria Life Insurance Company, having been agency director for the past four years, in which position he has shown marked executive ability.

On August 12, 1905, in Peoria, Mr. McCoy was united in marriage to Miss Orbia Guill, a native of Evansville, Indiana, and a daughter of Mrs. Jessie L. (Osborne) Guill Arscott, now of Peoria. Mrs. McCoy completed her education in the Sacred Heart Convent in Peoria. Mr. McCoy is a republican in his political

views and he and his wife are members of the Second Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Creve Coeur Club, the Peoria Country Club and the Association of Commerce of Peoria. His favorite forms of recreation are golf, hunting and fishing. A man of forceful character, sound judgment and agreeable manner, he is well qualified for the responsible position which he is holding and commands the genuine respect of all who are associated with him.

HUBERT AMENDT

Although not a native of this country, Hubert Amendt is thoroughly American in spirit and interests, for he has lived in the United States from the age of six years, and the fact that he is numbered among the retired business men and substantial citizens of Ottawa indicates that he has wisely used the opportunities which have come his way. He was born in Mahlow, Germany, March 19, 1882, a son of Joseph and Katherine (Mualar) Amendt, who were also natives of that place. They crossed the Atlantic in the summer of 1888, arriving in New York city on the 31st of July, and settled in Pennsylvania but later proceeded westward to Illinois. The father was identified with the plate glass industry for many years, subsequently becoming associated with his son Hubert in business. He passed away July 28, 1925, and is survived by the mother, who is seventy-seven years of age. Of their eleven children, five died in infancy. The others are: Christ, who lives in California; Katherine, of Ottawa, Illinois; Hubert; Elizabeth; Anna, whose home is in Blairsville, Pennsylvania; and Mary, a resident of Ottawa.

For a short time Hubert Amendt attended school in Germany, continuing his studies in the public schools of Pennsylvania, and removed with his parents to Ottawa, Illinois. When his textbooks were laid aside he obtained work in a plate glass factory but soon afterward entered upon an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade, which he followed for several years. His knowledge and skill won for him repeated promotions and at length he became construction engineer for the Columbia Plate

Glass Company, while he also represented the Josephine Furnace Company in that capacity. Later he was a construction engineer for the Federal Plate Glass Company and when his work in that connection was completed, he embarked in the machinery and garage business in Ottawa. Energetic, capable and thoroughly experienced, he prospered from the outset and as a result of his careful management and systematic labors his interests steadily expanded. In 1921 he sold the business and has since enjoyed a well earned period of leisure.

On the 8th of June, 1921, Mr. Amendt was married in Chicago to Miss Pearl McCabe and they became the parents of two children: Ruth L., born March 15, 1922; and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Amendt died October 18, 1929. Mr. Amendt resides at 1338 West La Fayette street and takes justifiable pride in his home, which is one of the finest in Ottawa. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Foresters and his religious views are in harmony with the doctrines of the Catholic Church of which he is a devout member. In politics he is a democrat and conscientiously discharges the duties and obligations of citizenship but has never been an office seeker. His life has been upright and useful and he stands deservedly high in the esteem of his fellowmen.

ARTHUR J. HARTLEY

Arthur J. Hartley, president of the Hart-Carter Company, is one of Peoria's foremost business men and has been very successful in his industrial operations for a long period of years. He was born in Quincy, Illinois, August 12, 1873, a son of Charles J. and Eunice (Spencer) Hartley. Mr. Hartley comes of an old American family that was established in Virginia in colonial days, and some of its members participated in the War of the Revolution. The maternal line was established in New Hampshire and Vermont in a very early day, and members of the family later moved to Ohio.

Charles J. Hartley was born in Quincy, Illinois, September 4, 1848. He enlisted in the Union Army at the age of fifteen years

and served throughout the period of the war. Returning to Quincy, Illinois, after the war, he took employment in the Gardner Governor Works, with which he remained for some time. He was one of the first inventors and builders of automatic grain weighing machinery. He established the C. J. Hartley Company, and engaged in the manufacture of grain weighers and other devices and inventions largely pertaining to farm machinery. In 1912, after a successful business career, he retired and moved to Riverside, California. His wife, a native of Ohio, died in Riverside, May 17, 1927. They became the parents of four children, namely: Florence, who died in infancy; Inez, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Joseph F., a resident of Carmel, California, and Arthur J. Joseph F. Hartley, who is now retired, was for many years connected with the export division of the Standard Oil Company, but since he retired from active business he has been doing statistical research work. He resided abroad for many years. He married Miss Anne Howard of Cairo, Illinois, both of whose parents are deceased.

Arthur J. Hartley acquired his education in the public schools of Quincy and Decatur, Illinois. In 1896, after thorough schooling in his father's plant, he was taken into partnership in the C. J. Hartley Company, which was later consolidated with the Hart Grain Weigher Company, and eventually became a subsidiary of the Hart-Carter Company, of which Mr. Hartley is president. As head of the Hart-Carter Company he is president and director of its subsidiary companies; the Hart Grain Weigher Company, Peoria; the C. J. Hartley Company, Peoria; the Garden City Feeder Company, of Pella, Iowa; the Charles Closz Company of Webster City, Iowa; the Carter Mayhew Manufacturing Company, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; the Twin City Separator Company, of Minneapolis; and the Hart-Emmerson Company, Ltd., of Winnipeg, Canada. He is also a director of the Central Bank and Trust Company of Peoria.

On May 7, 1921, Mr. Hartley was united in marriage to Miss Neta Slagle, of Peoria. He is a member of the Union League Club of Chicago, the Creve Coeur Club, the Peoria Country Club, the North Shore Country Club, is a director of the Association of Commerce of Peoria and the Peoria Manufacturers' Association;

and a member of the executive committee of the national council of the National Founders Association. He is also vice president of the National Farm Equipment and Manufacturing Association. He is a man of marked executive ability, business enterprise and progressive tendencies, and is admirably fitted to head the important industries of which he is president, and in the management of which he has been very successful.

RAYBURN L. RUSSELL

Rayburn L. Russell well merits the high place which he holds in the legal circles of Tazewell county, for his record has been one of uniform success, while his personal qualities are such as inspire respect. He was born on a farm in Tremont township, Tazewell county, Illinois, on the 13th of April, 1890, and is a son of John E. and Alice (Lackland) Russell, both of English ancestry. The paternal grandfather, Samuel G. Russell, was one of the first settlers of Tremont township and always followed farming. John E. Russell was born in Tremont township, November 18, 1853, and in 1903 moved with his family to Pekin. He was elected county treasurer, serving four years, was supervisor of his township for four years, and also served one term as supervisor in Pekin. He was a strong democrat, and very active in party affairs. He died December 23, 1920. The maternal grandfather, William R. Lackland, was a prominent citizen of Tazewell county, a leader in the public affairs of his township, and a large landowner. During the Civil war he organized a company in Tazewell county, was made its captain, and subsequently was promoted to lieutenant-colonel. He served throughout the war, and died as the result of an accident, at the age of forty-six years. His daughter Alice was born in Tremont township, Tazewell county, June 24, 1858. John E. and Alice Russell had five children, namely: Rayburn L.; Lula, who is the wife of Harry D. Baylor, of Speed, Indiana, superintendent of the Louisville Cement Company, and they have two children, Alice and Frances; Cornelia, who is the wife of J. P. Becker, a farmer at Tremont, this state, and they have six children, Beulah, Mildred,

Russell, Alice, Rayburn and Leonard; Grace, who is the wife of Lester M. Chace, a commercial artist of New York city, and they have two children, Lester, Jr., and Selma; and Selma, the wife of M. B. Stewart, of Pekin, Illinois, manager of the Ralph Dempsey Company.

Rayburn L. Russell received his early education in the county school and in the public schools of Pekin, graduating from Pekin high school in 1909. For six years he was a student in the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1913 and that of Bachelor of Laws in 1915. In October of the latter year he was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of his profession at Pekin. He continued in his professional work until the spring of 1918, when he enlisted for service in the World war, going into training at Camp Wheeler, Georgia. He remained there until the last of September, when he went to New York ready for embarkation for France. However, he was taken ill in that city and was prevented from sailing, being honorably discharged in January, 1919. While in the service he was during the greater part of the time on duty in the judge advocate's office at division headquarters. On his return to civil life he at once resumed his law practice and is now a member of the firm of Rahn & Russell, with offices in the Arcade building.

On August 23, 1918, Mr. Russell was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Spence, a daughter of James J. and Margaret Spence, who now reside at Cass City, Michigan, the father being a retired farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Russell are the parents of two sons, John E., born on February 22, 1922, and James R., born March 3, 1930. Mr. Russell is a democrat in his political views and has been active in party affairs, having served for several years as secretary of the county central committee. He served as corporation counsel of Pekin for four years, 1923-27, under Mayor Benjamin F. Michael. He is a member of Pekin Lodge, No. 29, A. F. & A. M.; Pekin Chapter, No. 25, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Peoria; Pekin Post, No. 44, American Legion of which he was commander in 1925, and the Acacia fraternity of the University of Michigan. He also belongs to the Tazewell County Bar Asso-

ciation, and the Illinois State Bar Association. He and his family are members of the First Baptist Church, of which he has been a trustee for several years. He has honored his community by his military, professional and private life and is regarded as one of Pekin's worthy and dependable citizens.

LEROY EDWARD ROARK

Leroy Edward Roark, executive officer of the Peoria Manufacturers' Association, was born in Sterling, Illinois, June 9, 1894. His father, John Henry Roark, was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, and his mother, Mary Ellen (Holland) Roark, in White Plains, Vermont, a daughter of Dr. Edward L. and Isabella Holland. Leroy E. Roark attended public schools in Sterling, Illinois, and Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin. He entered the employ of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company at Belle Plaine, Iowa, and later the R. & V. Engineering Company, Moline. He came to Peoria as officer of the Manufacturers' Association in 1916. He is treasurer of the Peoria Finance & Thrift Company, and during 1930 served as president of the Illinois Industrial Council. He married Alma V. Tank, Moline, Illinois, and has two daughters, Lucille and LoRita. Mr. Roark is a member of the Masonic Bodies, Jesters, Creve Coeur Club, and Peoria Country Club.

WILLIAM E. JOHNSTON

Among Peoria's progressive and enterprising business men is William E. Johnston, member of the well known automobile concern, the Johnston-Moody Company, Incorporated, and Monarch Finance Corporation. He was born at St. Marys, Ontario, Canada, on the 3d of November, 1875, and is a son of James H. and Ellen (Fry) Johnston. His father, a native of Scotland, emigrated to Canada in young manhood. He learned the wheelwright trade, which he followed during the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1906. The mother was born in

Bridgeport, England, and went to Canada, in company with friends, in young womanhood for a visit. She there met and married Mr. Johnston and has since lived in Canada, her present residence being at Aylmer. At the age of ninety-three years, she still retains her strength and vitality to a remarkable degree. To James H. and Ellen Johnston were born four sons. Andrew Garfield, a resident of Peoria, Illinois, married Miss Mead Lewis, now deceased, and their daughter, Aenid, is the widow of George Overton, of Los Angeles, California. Frederick William, who resided in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, died in 1920. He married Miss Bertha Ellis and their one child died in infancy. John J., a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, married Miss Margaret Alford, and resides in Manchester, New York.

William E. Johnston, the fourth of the family, attended the public schools of Ontario, Canada, where he lived until 1898, when he came to Peoria, Illinois. He found employment with a machinery and threshing machine company, but later engaged in the automobile business, becoming a pioneer in this field in Peoria. He has since been identified with this business and the company of which he is president has a modern and up-to-date showroom and shop at 1810 Main street. The Johnston-Moody Company has been successful and enjoys a reputation for fair and enterprising business methods and the high quality of work turned out of its shop. They have had a large patronage among the representative people of the community and are regarded as leaders in their line. Mr. Johnston also organized the Monarch Finance Corporation of Peoria in 1925 and was elected vice president, while two years later he was elected president and continues in that office. He is vice president and a director of the State Trust and Savings Bank.

On February 14, 1899, Mr. Johnston was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Louise Colean, a native of this state and a daughter of Francis and Sarah Colean, both deceased. Mrs. Johnston died November 13, 1914, leaving three children. Dorothy, born in 1900, was married in 1915 to William G. Holden, part owner and manager of the General Investment Company of Peoria. Frances Jennie, born August 2, 1901, was married in 1920 to E. L. Hoffman, who is connected with the Chrysler Automobile Company in

Chicago, and they have two children, Roger and Frances, both in school; and Ruth, born June 2, 1902, is the wife of George K. Green, of Peoria, who is connected with the Proctor Lumber Company, and they have a son, William Johnston.

Mr. Johnston is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is a past president and the present treasurer of the North Shore Country Club and belongs to the Peoria Country Club and the Creve Coeur Club of Peoria. The family attend the Universalist Church and their support is given to all movements for the betterment of the community along material, civic or moral lines. Mr. Johnston is regarded as one of Peoria's able business men, has achieved well merited success and is worthy of the respect which is accorded him by those who know him. He has taken an active part in various movements for stimulating business, serving for two years as president of the Peoria Automobile Association and two years as president of the Illinois State Automobile Dealers' Association. In December, 1928, he was made president of the Peoria Association of Commerce, in which capacity he is still serving, having been reelected for his second term in December, 1929.

ROBERT R. MARTIN

Robert R. Martin, who for many years has served faithfully and ably as chief engineer and assistant superintendent of the Peoria Water Works, is one of Peoria's best known and most highly regarded citizens. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 16th of February, 1862, and is a son of Robert R., Sr., and Martha C. (Westwood) Martin. His father, a native of Scotland, started out in life as a laborer for a blacksmith, became assistant superintendent and later was superintendent of the Cincinnati Gas Works for a number of years prior to his death, which occurred in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1870. He was a member of the Congregational Church and gave his political support to the republican party. His wife, who was born in England and died in Peoria, Illinois, was a daughter of J. C. Westwood, who was

superintendent of the Peoria Gas Works for a number of years prior to his death.

Robert R. Martin is very largely self-educated, for he was able to attend the public schools of Peoria for a short time only. When he was but a small lad, his father died at their home in Cincinnati, and his widowed mother then came to Peoria with her six children. Robert R. was about seven years of age at the time and one year later he began making his own living and helping his mother provide for his four sisters and a brother, only one of the children being older than he. He first worked at cleaning offices, carrying coal and building fires until eleven years of age, when he secured employment in a restaurant. He worked there five years and eight months, first as a dishwasher, later as a cook and finally as head waiter. When seventeen years of age, he entered the employ of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad as a fireman on a switch engine and afterward received promotions until he became a regular engineer. He was with that road for nine years and ten months, when, because of an attack of appendicitis, he was compelled to give up railroading. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers secured him a position as ticket puncher and train usher at the Union station, Peoria. A few months later (in 1887) the Brotherhood secured for him his present position with the Peoria City Water Works under Mayor Warner. In 1891 a corporation known as the Moffett, Hoskins & Clarke Construction Company, bought the water works plant and business from the city of Peoria and put in a new system by using wells for the water supply. Later they sold to the Peoria Water Company, which was reorganized as the Peoria Water Works Company. Mr. Martin was transferred from the old plant on Grant street, where he was chief engineer, to the present plant, where he has been stationed from 1891 to the present time, a period of thirty-nine years. About four years ago he was also appointed assistant superintendent, and is now filling both positions in a very satisfactory manner.

About ten years ago, in order that his community (Averyville, now the tenth ward of Peoria) might have cheaper coal, Mr. Martin purchased land in the 3200 block on North Adams street, laid a railroad spur, put in an equipment and conducted a coal yard

for about four years. Then, because his position at the water plant required all of his time, he sold the coal business to Woodruff Brothers at a neat profit.

Mr. Martin has been married twice, first to Miss Nellie C. Clark, of Peoria, who died in this city. She was a daughter of George and Lizzie (McLean) Clark, both of whom are deceased. To that union were born a son and a daughter, the latter being Mrs. James Hedrick, of Peoria. The son, James E., graduated from the Peoria high school, Bradley Polytechnic Institute and West Point Military Academy. During the late war he trained soldiers for the army, and is now a major in the Officers Reserve Corps. He married Miss Margaret Wilde, of Peoria, to which union was born a son, John Wilde Martin. For his second wife he chose Miss Lucile Walker, of this city, and to them was born a daughter, Susan Walker Martin. On April 27, 1898, Robert R. Martin married Mrs. Catherine Weiting, widow of the late William Weiting, a jeweler of Peoria. She was educated in the parochial and public schools of this city, and is a member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church and the Women's Catholic League.

The republican party receives Mr. Martin's support and he is greatly interested in local public affairs. Since nineteen years of age he has been a worker in the party for its good not as an office seeker. He is now representing the tenth ward as alderman, to which position he was elected in April, 1929, for a two-year term. About thirty-two years ago he was one of the incorporators of Averyville and was elected one of its first trustees, in which capacity he served eight years and, later, eight years as president. Subsequently he was elected a supervisor of Peoria county, serving four years as a member of the board and the last year as its chairman. He was urgently requested to run again for that office, but declined. During the World war he was an effective Four-Minute speaker and gave able assistance in the several Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Firemen, which he helped organize August 5, 1880, and is also a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Mr. Martin was one of the organizers and the first president of the Union Association of Railway Organizations, which was formed in 1898, and of which he remained at the head

for twelve years. The object of the association is to promote in a social way the closer relations of all railway organizations in Peoria, fourteen different railway lodges being represented here. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Royal Neighbors of America, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Association of Commerce. His religious connection is with the First Congregational Church. He has been loyal and true in every relation of life, doing well whatever he has undertaken, and throughout the community in which he has lived for so many years is uniformly respected for his fine personal qualities, his business and technical ability and the high type of citizenship which has been exemplified in his career.

HON. HENRY J. INGRAM

Henry J. Ingram, who is rendering able and satisfactory service as judge of the probate court of Peoria county, has been engaged in the practice of law in Peoria for many years and stands deservedly high in public esteem. He was born on a farm near Wyoming, Stark county, Illinois, on the 6th of February, 1891, and is a son of Harry L. and Nettie (Hawley) Ingram. His paternal grandfather, Henry Ingram, was a native of England and on coming to this country settled on a farm near Wyoming, this state, where his death occurred. Harry L. Ingram was born in Wyoming, Illinois, May 29, 1866, and followed farming for many years, but is now retired and lives in Peoria. He supports the republican party and was chairman of the board of supervisors of Peoria county during 1928-29. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife was born in 1871, near Edelstein, Peoria county, and died at Wyoming, Illinois, in February, 1891. She was a daughter of Jerome and Sarah Hawley, both of whom died at Edelstein.

Henry J. Ingram attended the public schools, graduating from the Wyoming high school in 1908. He then entered the law school of the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, in 1912. In 1914 he was

admitted to the bar of this state and at Peoria entered upon the practice of his profession, which he has since followed independently. Careful, painstaking and conscientious, he is a capable and successful attorney and a safe counselor. In November, 1926, he was elected to the bench of the probate court, which position he is now filling for a four years' term.

On November 8, 1919, in Bloomington, Illinois, Judge Ingram was united in marriage to Miss Louise Menaugh, who was born and reared in Pekin, Illinois, and is a daughter of James and Lucy (Ruh) Menaugh, both deceased. Mrs. Ingram is a graduate of the Pekin high school and is popular socially. Judge and Mrs. Ingram are the parents of two sons, Henry J., Jr., and Robert James.

Judge Ingram is actively interested in local public affairs, has always supported the republican party, served as assistant attorney-general under Attorney-General Edward J. Brundage. During the World war he enlisted and was in the service for eighteen months. He was honorably discharged at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, as a first lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps. He and his wife contribute to the support of various worthy benevolent causes. The Judge is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Columbia Lodge, I. O. O. F.; the American Legion; and the Modern Woodmen of America, and also belongs to the University Club, while along professional lines he is connected with the Peoria County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

HENRY MEANS PINDELL

An unswerving devotion to duty that manifested itself in the highest journalistic standards and in loyalty to public ideals characterized the life of Henry Means Pindell, who for many years was owner and publisher of the Peoria Journal, which he made one of the largest dailies in the state outside of Chicago. It is widely recognized that the press is the most potent force in mold-



Henry M. Hindle

ing public opinion and at all times Mr. Pindell recognized his opportunity to serve his city and state by guiding public thought and action. A native of Missouri, he was born in St. Joseph, December 23, 1860, his parents being James Morrison and Elizabeth (Means) Pindell. He traced his ancestry back through many generations to Wales, whence Thomas Pindell came to the new world between the years 1686 and 1705, founding the family in America. Since that time representatives of the name have been closely connected with many events which have shaped the trend of history. His great-grandfather, Dr. Richard Pindell, was one of the original members of the Society of the Cincinnati. He had served as a surgeon on the staff of General George Washington during the Revolutionary war and had dressed the wounds of Lafayette when the French patriot was injured in battle. When Lafayette visited the American republic for the second time he was entertained in Lexington, Kentucky, at the home of Major Thomas H. Pindell, the Doctor's son. James Morrison Pindell, father of Henry M. Pindell, was an own cousin of Senator Thomas Hart Benton of Missouri and a warm personal friend of Henry Clay, who was his guardian and with whom he was closely connected through Clay's political career, Mrs. Clay being his aunt. James M. Pindell made the practice of law his life work, becoming a distinguished member of the legal profession.

Henry M. Pindell completed his education in De Pauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, as a member of the class of 1884 and devoted his entire life to journalistic work. He was editor of the Wabash (Ind.) Times during the first administration of President Cleveland and afterward became connected with the Chicago Tribune, while later he removed to Springfield, Illinois, becoming city editor of the State Register. During his residence there he was elected city treasurer, serving from 1887 until 1889, and in the latter year he established his home in Peoria, where he founded the Peoria Herald. He afterward purchased the Peoria Transcript and the Peoria Times but sold the latter to J. B. Barnes, proprietor of the Peoria Journal, and consolidated the Transcript and the Herald under the name of the Herald-Transcript. On the 13th of July, 1902, he acquired ownership of the Journal and in October of that year sold the Herald-Transcript,

continuing the publication of the Journal, which he developed along most progressive lines. The policy of the paper was ever characterized by fearlessness. He fought the free silver craze and was instrumental in the defeat of the infamous Allen law which gave corporations the right of the use of the streets for fifty years. He staunchly opposed corporate greed and worked for the interests of the majority as against the minority. He labored to advance progress and improvement along all lines having to do with civic welfare and his efforts in behalf of Peoria were far-reaching, beneficial and resultant. He was officially connected with the Peoria Public Library and was also a director of the Peoria Association of Commerce. He took active part in inaugurating and directing the movement for the commission form of government in the state and Governor Deneen accorded him credit for putting the law on the statute books of Illinois.

Mr. Pindell was always a stanch democrat and was a close friend and adviser of President Wilson. He was sent to the democratic national convention as a delegate in 1912 and he was one of the first journalists of the country to declare his newspaper politically independent. In 1912 President Wilson appointed him ambassador to Russia. The political enemies of the president strongly opposed this but the appointment was confirmed by the senate. However, Mr. Pindell's health forced him to resign.

On the 29th of October, 1890, at Bates, Sangamon county, Illinois, Mr. Pindell was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Adelia Smith, daughter of Hon. De Witt and Adelia (McConnell) Smith, of Springfield, the former a representative of a prominent southern family whose members were early pioneers of this state. Mr. and Mrs. Pindell became parents of two daughters: Frances Adelia, born in Peoria, June 5, 1892, who is the wife of Carl Powell Slane, now business manager of the Journal Transcript Publishing Company; and Elizabeth Augusta, born in Peoria, September 17, 1894, who is the wife of the Rev. Howard Davis Talbot.

Mr. Pindell belonged to the Phi Gamma Delta, a college fraternity, the University Club of New York city, the Lambs Club of New York, the Chicago Club, the Peoria Country Club, the Peoria Country Club, the Athletic Club of Peoria and the Ivy Club of Peoria; was a trustee and member of the board of Bradley

Polytechnic Institute of Peoria. It was Mr. Pindell who secured the Carnegie Library for Peoria. A bust of Mr. Pindell was one of the busts of seven journalists which were unveiled in the Hall of Fame in the University of Illinois, in November, 1930. The high school of Peoria named its journalistic chapter in honor and in memory of him. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church and his Christian faith dominated his entire life, guiding him in all of his relations with his fellowmen and directing his public service. Because of the high ideals which he supported his influence was of great benefit to city and state. He ever kept before the people the most advanced standards of citizenship and urged an individual recognition of one's duties and obligations to the commonwealth. He ever fought fearlessly, but always in the open, and though men might oppose his opinions they entertained for him the highest respect and regard. No name that appears on the pages of Illinois' journalistic record is a more creditable or honored one. He died August 8, 1924, in his sixty-fourth year, at his summer home in Northport Point, Michigan.

PAUL F. BOURSCHIEDT

Paul F. Bourscheidt, assistant secretary of the Peoria Life Insurance Company, and one of Peoria's progressive young business men, was born in this city, December 8, 1895, a son of Peter J. and Catherine (Lammers) Bourscheidt. His father was born in Cologne, Germany, February 27, 1855, and was reared and educated there. He received the usual military training of the German youth, serving three years in the German national army. He came to the United States to visit his brother, Dr. Frank C. Bourscheidt, of Peoria, and was so impressed by conditions and opportunities in this country that he decided to remain. Later the two brothers engaged in the drug business on the present site of the Lehmann building, where they remained for many years. Frank C. Bourscheidt was a druggist at that time, but subsequently became a successful physician. Their drug store, one of the pioneer mercantile establishments of this city, was later moved to First and Spencer streets, where the business was continued

for twenty-seven years. Dr. Frank C. Bourscheidt served as commissioner of health and was one of the first to fumigate for contagious diseases. He was an active member of the Masonic order. His brother, Peter J., was for sixteen years secretary of the German Roman Catholic Central Society, and was active in the work of St. Joseph's parish, one of the pioneer parishes of Peoria. Peter J. Bourscheidt was married to Miss Emma Schaeffer, a native of Peoria, and to them were born three children: Oscar H., who is connected with the Caterpillar Manufacturing Company, of Peoria; Joseph Frank, of Peoria, who is engaged in fur farming; and Leo, who died at the age of fourteen years. The wife and mother died in 1893, and Mr. Bourscheidt later married Miss Catherine Lammers, of Peoria, and they became the parents of six children: Paul F., of this review; Norbert A., an electrician of Peoria; Marie, a resident of Chicago; Gertrude A., the wife of Albert Muller, of Peoria; Clara, the wife of Gilbert Delahunty, who is connected with the Peoria Life Insurance Company; and Frederick J., a machinist's mate in the United States Navy.

Paul F. Bourscheidt received his elementary education in St. Joseph's parochial school of Peoria, and attended Spalding Institute of this city, from which he was graduated in 1915. He at once went to work for the Peoria Life Insurance Company, with which he has been identified since. Beginning in a humble capacity, through his loyal and efficient service, he has won a number of promotions and is now assistant secretary of the company.

On June 18, 1919, Mr. Bourscheidt was united in marriage to Miss Florence Trefzger, a native of Peoria and a daughter of Charles W. and Sophia Trefzger, the latter having died in 1903. Mrs. Bourscheidt's paternal grandfather, Simon Trefzger, was one of the oldest bakers in Peoria, having had a shop on Fulton street at the time of the Civil war. He owned the land where now stands the Pere Marquette Hotel, which land was sold by the estate after his death. There have been three generations of Trefzgers in the baking business in Peoria, Simon, Charles W. and Charles Joseph, and the business is still carried on by the family. Mr. and Mrs. Bourscheidt are the parents of a son, Charles J., born October 26, 1920.

Mr. Bourscheidt is a fourth degree member of the Knights of

Columbus and a director and chairman of the physical department committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a director of the Rotary Club, member of the Creve Coeur Club, and is secretary and treasurer of the Men's Society of St. Mark's parish, as well as scout master of troop twenty-three, Boy Scouts of America. He is president and was one of the organizers of the Peoria Association of Office Managers; a member of the National Office Management Association, the Life Office Management Association and American Management Association. He is also an active member of the Association of Commerce. He was admitted to the bar December 11, 1924, and is a member of the Peoria Bar Association. He possesses a prayer book published in 1797 and used by his great-grandmother, Philhelmena Lammers, who is buried in the Kickapoo cemetery, at the side of the first Catholic Church in Illinois. He also possesses a gavel which is made of the wood of the cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born. It was given him by his aunt, wife of the late Dr. F. C. Bourscheidt, to whom it was presented during his term as first president of the Illinois Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. Bourscheidt is cordial and unassuming and is a very popular member of the circles to which he belongs.

MAURICE PAGE RICE

One of the most distinguished members of the bar of Fulton county is Maurice P. Rice, who has a long and honorable record as an attorney, and has also been conspicuous in public affairs, having been elected seven times as a representative from his county to the lower house of the state legislature, of which body he is still a member. Mr. Rice was born in the Shenandoah valley, near Martinsburg, in what was then Virginia, but is now West Virginia, on the 18th of April, 1858, and is a son of Samuel and Louisa (Borden) Rice, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Maryland. The Rice family genealogy goes back to William the Conqueror, and a coat of arms was granted to William Rice, of Bucks county (Buckinghamshire), England, on May 2, 1555, by Queen Mary. The following is the

exact reading of the coat of arms as it was published by Herald's College in 1793:

"He beareth argent, a chevron engraded sable, between three reindeer heads, erased, gules red, as many cinquefoils ermine."

BY THE NAME OF RICE

This coat of arms was granted William Rice, of Boemer, county of Bucks, Eng., the 2nd of May, 1555.

Signed a "true copy"

Attest from Heraldry.

Boston, March 14, 1793. Jno. Coles, Heraldry Painter.

The explanation of the heraldry terms is as follows: He beareth (a shield) argent (silver in color), a chevron (two bars or bands, rafter shaped) engraded (engrailed, having edges indented with curved lines), sable (the field of the chevron being checkered with lines at right angles), between three reindeer (stag) heads, erased (meaning the bodies erased), gules (perpendicular parallel lines on field of shield) red, as many (same number as heads) cinquefoils (five-leaved rosettes), ermine (white).

Samuel Rice, father of M. P. Rice, was a carpenter by trade, reared a large family and was in very moderate circumstances. Five of his sons were put to work at the carpenter trade at early ages, but Maurice P. Rice was prevented from taking an active part in the family support because of a serious illness, which left him apparently a hopeless cripple and invalid, he having spent two years of his early life on crutches. While still a cripple he served as tollgate keeper between Martinsburg and Winchester, handling considerable sums of money each month. With what he was able to earn, and with the assistance of his parents, brothers and sisters, he was enabled to enter Randolph-Macon College, at Ashland, Virginia, from which he was graduated in 1878. During the whole of his graduation year, between recitations, he clerked in a drug store, in addition to selling books to students on commission. Upon his graduation Mr. Rice came to Fulton county and located in Joshua township while teaching country schools in Canton township. He was awarded a teacher's life state certificate in 1883. He served for six years as principal of the Ipava schools, after which he filled the office of county

superintendent of schools for two terms. During these years he devoted his spare time to the study of law and in 1895 was admitted to the bar of Illinois. Declining a renomination to the county superintendency, he entered upon the practice of law, in which he has been engaged to the present time and in which he has been rewarded with distinctive success, being regarded as one of the ablest and most successful members of the local bar.

On October 8, 1880, in Canton, Illinois, Mr. Rice was united in marriage to Miss Alice W. Miller, and to them have been born four children, namely: Iva Maud, the wife of Dr. C. N. McCumber, a successful physician at Lewistown; Mary Louise, the wife of C. D. Porch, a superintendent for the DuPont Company at Wilmington, Delaware; Jessie Virginia, the wife of W. C. Arnett, of Lewistown; and Samuel Howard, who married Miss Isabel Syron and lives in Chicago.

Politically, Mr. Rice has always supported the democratic party, in the councils of which he has long been prominent and influential. He was elected to the state legislature in 1910, declining election the following year in order to run for the office of state's attorney, to which he was elected. In 1918 he was again elected to the legislature, and has been reelected at each succeeding election, thus having served fourteen years as a member of the general assembly. He has also served as supervisor and alderman and a number of times as chairman of the county organization of his party. In 1925 he was chosen secretary and in 1927 president of the House Members Conference Group, an active unofficial, non-partisan association for consideration of legislation. He was appointed by Governor Altgeld a trustee of the Eastern Illinois State Normal School and helped to select its site. He was a member of the committee of three who built Fulton county's new courthouse donated by Lewistown and vicinity to avoid a county seat fight. He was for fourteen years secretary of the Lewistown Building Association, and was tendered, but refused, the cashiership of the Lewistown National Bank. He has been loyal to the highest demands of citizenship, standing invariably for those things which are calculated to promote the best interests of the people and contribute to the advancement of the community along material, civic or moral lines. His parents

were Methodists and he has always been affiliated with the Methodist Church and while teaching at Ipava was superintendent of the M. E. Sunday School. In later life he has not been so active in its work, but still attends the same church. He is a Mason, Knight Templar and member of the Modern Woodmen of America. Cordial and friendly in manner, sincere in every relation of life and capable and resourceful in professional and business affairs, he holds a high place in public confidence and regard and is one of Lewistown's most useful citizens.

DAVID J. COWAN

David J. Cowan, one of the able and successful members of the legal profession in Peoria, has been engaged in the practice of law for thirty-six years and is now a member of the firm of Mansfield & Cowan, with offices in the Commercial National Bank building. He was born in Vienna, Johnson county, Illinois, August 27, 1865, and is a son of Thomas J. and Mary J. (Worley) Cowan. He comes from an old American family, his paternal great-grandfather, Stephen Cowan, having been a lifelong resident of Virginia, but of Scotch ancestry. The grandfather, Captain David Cowan, who was born in North Carolina, was a steamboat captain on the Tennessee and Ohio rivers and died near Paris, Tennessee, during a cholera epidemic. He married Mary Gray, who also was born in North Carolina and died in Paris, Tennessee. Thomas J. Cowan was born near that city July 13, 1833, and died in Vienna, Illinois, January 25, 1918. He devoted the active years of his life to farming and stock raising, was a republican in politics, a Mason in his fraternal relations and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In the maternal line David J. Cowan is descended from sterling old Dutch and English stock, his great-grandfather, Isaac Worley, having been a native of Holland, whence he came to this country in an early day and in 1809 settled in Lick Creek, Johnson county, Illinois. He was appointed road viewer and was authorized to lay out a road from the Ohio river to Lick Creek and from Lick Creek to the Mississippi river. He was a hatter by trade and also owned a farm.

He married a Miss Crow and among their children was Hiram Jackson Worley, who was born in southern Illinois in 1814, and died in Bloomfield, Illinois, in 1881, at the age of sixty-seven years. He conducted a general mercantile business, was also a farmer, was a member of the Baptist Church, supported the republican party and served as justice of the peace for many years. He married Miss Vernila Graves, who was born in Johnson county, this state, in 1827, and died at Vienna, Illinois, in 1866. Their daughter, Mary J., became the wife of Thomas J. Cowan and the mother of David J. Cowan, of this review.

David J. Cowan attended the public schools of Vienna, Illinois, and graduated from the Southern Illinois Normal School at Carbondale, in 1887. He taught for one year in the Vienna high school as principal and for four years in the public schools of California. He took up the study of law in the office of Armstrong, Bruner & Planauer, in Sacramento, California, and on August 8, 1893, was admitted to the bar in San Francisco. Going to Newkirk, Oklahoma, he organized the first public schools there, and taught school and practiced law at that place about twenty months. Returning then to Vienna, Illinois, he formed a law partnership with William A. Spann, under the firm name of Spann & Cowan, which was maintained until 1910. While in that place, Mr. Cowan was twice elected city attorney of Vienna and twice state's attorney of Johnson county. On January 1, 1910, he came to Peoria and entered into partnership with Henry Mansfield and J. R. Boulware, under the firm name of Mansfield, Cowan & Boulware, which relation continued until the death of Mr. Boulware, in 1913, when the firm name was changed to its present style, Mansfield & Cowan. Mr. Cowan is a learned, able and conscientious attorney, who has gained a high place in public esteem and commands a large practice.

On April 22, 1911, in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Cowan was united in marriage to Mrs. Sarah (Duncan) Poor, of that city, a daughter of A. J. Duncan, of Johnston City, Illinois. She was educated in the public schools of Marion, Illinois, and the Southern Illinois Normal School at Carbondale. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star and the Peoria Women's Club. By a former

marriage she was the mother of two daughters, Mrs. Grace Poor Watson, of New Rochelle, New York, and Mrs. Marjory Poor Laghos, of Berlin, Germany.

Politically Mr. Cowan has always supported the republican party, in the councils of which he is prominent and influential, being the present chairman of the city central committee of Peoria. He belongs to Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., of Peoria; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Council, No. 11, R. & S. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R. and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Peoria. He also belongs to Peoria Lodge, I. O. O. F., and has membership in the Creve Coeur Club and the First Methodist Episcopal Church, being a member of its official board. During the Spanish-American war he was commissioned captain of the Roberts Provisional Regiment, but was not called into active service. During the World war he served on the legal advisory council and was a Four-Minute speaker. He is affiliated with the Peoria County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association. His success is the outcome of his close application, his thorough knowledge of law, his resourcefulness in its application, and his adherence to the noblest ethics and traditions of his profession.

EDWARD E. BARBOUR, M. D.

One of the worthy representatives of the medical profession in Peoria, who has won not only pecuniary success, but also that which is of more importance, the respect and confidence of his fellowmen, is Dr. Edward E. Barbour, whose well-equipped offices are at 621 Jefferson building. Born on the 10th day of January, 1869, in Carroll county, Indiana, he is a son of Reuben D. and Mary J. Barbour. The paternal grandfather, Joseph A. Barbour, was a native of Virginia and a slave owner. Prior to the Civil war he moved west, locating in Howard county, Indiana, where he engaged in farming. Reuben D. Barbour gave loyal support to the Union by his four years of service during the Civil war, in which he was wounded several times, having enlisted first

in the Thirteenth and later in the Fifty-first Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

He was married to Mary J. Gillam, daughter of Harrison and Harriett Gillam, December 31, 1867, and to them eleven children were born, of whom three are deceased. In the fall of 1880 Reuben Barbour moved with his family to Phelps county, Missouri, where he followed farming and also took an active interest in local and public affairs, then moving to St. James, Missouri, where he served as mayor and county judge of Phelps county. The following children are living: Alice, who is the wife of C. A. Newton of San Pedro, California; Harrison Wilson, of Wheeling, Indiana; Anna, who is the widow of George Jones, St. Louis, Missouri; Eva, who is the wife of W. E. Gehlert, of Gary, Indiana; Delmer, who lives in Wyoming; Adda, the wife of Timothy Webber, of Martinsburg, Missouri; Clara, the wife of B. F. Thompson, of Rolla, Missouri; and Edward E.

Edward E. Barbour received his early educational training in the public schools of Carroll and Howard counties, Indiana, and night school at Indianapolis and then entered the Physio-Medical College of Indianapolis, in October, 1895, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, March 22, 1899. In May of that year he entered upon the active practice of his profession at Magnolia, Illinois, where he remained until August 24, 1903. After leaving Magnolia he took post-graduate work in the Chicago Polyclinic Hospital and on December 8, 1903, came to Peoria and resumed the practice of medicine, in which he has been very successful. He served for twenty-three years as a member of the St. Francis medical staff, of which he is a past president, and is now a member of the medical staff of the Methodist Hospital.

Dr. Barbour was married August 25, 1892, to Miss Saddle M. Kendall, of Indianapolis, a daughter of John W. and Mary M. Kendall. Mrs. Barbour died March 22, 1900, leaving a son, Orville E., who was born June 25, 1893. The Doctor was married the second time December 23, 1901, at Indianapolis, to Miss Cleopatria Axtell, born in Tipton, Indiana, an only child of John W. and Sarah McFarland Axtell, both of whom are deceased. His son Orville E. is engaged in the practice of medicine, specializing

in diseases of children, with offices at 528 Jefferson building, Peoria. He married Miss Charlotte M. McKinney, of Abilene, Texas, a daughter of J. W. and Marian McKinney. They are the parents of three children, Sarah Rebecca, Marian Jane and Charlotte Cleo.

Dr. Barbour is a member of Peoria Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Calanthe Lodge, K. of P.; Columbia Lodge, I. O. O. F.; the Peoria University Club and the Creve Coeur Club. He has served for four years as a member of the Peoria school board, is a member of the board of directors of the Peoria Y. M. C. A. and is president of the Citizens Building and Loan Association. The Doctor and his family are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and he served on the official board for many years. He is affiliated with the Peoria County Medical Society, of which he is a past president; the Illinois State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He has honored his profession by his able and conscientious service over a long period of years, and all who know him are free in their praise of his sterling qualities.

LOUIS J. GAUSS

Among the county officials of Peoria county none has shown a higher degree of efficiency or fidelity to his official duties than has Louis J. Gauss, who is now serving for the eleventh consecutive year as county clerk. He was born in Peoria on the 17th of September, 1882, and is a son of William P. and Louisa (Pott-hoff) Gauss. His father, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 19, 1842, engaged in the retail grocery business under his own name in Peoria for twenty-five years, after which he was in the wholesale grocery business, and later in the wholesale grocery and confectionery business in Peoria, under the name of the Gauss-Jobst-Bethard Company,—a partnership which he had helped to organize. He retired from this firm after five years. He was a republican in his political adherency and took a very active part in public affairs, serving as alderman from the old

second ward of Peoria from 1887 to 1891, as city treasurer from 1903 to 1905, and in 1906 was elected county treasurer for a four-year term. He retired from politics on December 1, 1910. He served three years and four months in the Union Army during the Civil war, was wounded in the arm in the battle of Look-out Mountain and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. He died in Peoria, April 19, 1924. His wife was born in Germany, May 31, 1846, and died in Peoria, April 3, 1912.

Louis J. Gauss attended the public and high schools of Peoria and then took a course in Brown's Business College. He became timekeeper for the Peoria & Pekin Terminal Railroad, and later held various other positions with that road until September, 1905, his last service being as car accountant and assistant superintendent. In 1906 he was appointed deputy county treasurer under his father, and also served in the same capacity under the latter's successor, Lewis Hines,—a total of eight years in that position. His experience well qualified him for the treasurership, to which he was elected in 1914, and he served in that office until 1918, when he was elected county clerk, in which office he continued to the time this biography was written (1929), with one year of his third term yet to serve. In September, 1912, he and his brother, William F. Gauss, engaged in the undertaking business, under the name of the Gauss Undertaking Company, on Main street. The brother died March 1, 1928, since which time his interest has been taken over by Louis J. Gauss, who is now the sole owner. He has a modern establishment at 111 North Perry avenue and commands his full share of the local patronage in his line. Mr. Gauss is also a director of the State Trust and Savings Bank, of Peoria.

On October 27, 1908, in Peoria, Mr. Gauss was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Ockenga, who was born and reared in this city and is a daughter of Engelke and Johannah (Mensen) Ockenga, both of whom were born in Germany and died in Peoria, where Mr. Ockenga was engaged in the merchant tailoring business. Mrs. Gauss graduated from the Peoria high school and Brown's Business College. She is a member of the Peoria Art Institute and is an accomplished painter in oils, specializing in china painting. She also belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Gauss are the parents of three children: William Paul, who was born July 16, 1909, and is a senior in Bradley College; Evelyn Harriet, who was born September 11, 1913, and died December 2, 1918; and Warren Calvin, born November 20, 1920.

Mr. Gauss has always supported the republican party and during the World war gave earnest support to all war activities in this community. He is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Council, No. 11, R. & S. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, No. 3, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of which he was potentate in 1917. He also belongs to West Bluff Lodge, No. 87, K. P.; Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E.; Peoria Court of Jesters, No. 40; Central City Chapter, O. E. S.; Camp Thrush Lodge, S. O. V.; the Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorassan, Kiwanis Club of which he is past president; the Creve Coeur Club and the Association of Commerce. He is also a member of the Arcadia Avenue Presbyterian Church. His favorite forms of recreation are baseball and horseback riding. He is a man of sterling qualities and pleasing address and is very popular in the various circles to which he belongs.

H. ROBERT HERSCHEL

There are countless thousands who are content to plod along with no vision as to the future, no recognition of opportunity and therefore no notable progress. But now and again there are men who become outstanding in their respective communities because they dream dreams and have that practical ability which enables them to make their dreams a reality. Such a man was H. Robert Herschel, who for years was president of the R. Herschel Manufacturing Company of Peoria. He was born near Dresden, Germany, October 16, 1859, a son of Robert and Emilie Herschel. His boyhood and youth were spent in his native land and in 1880, when twenty-one years of age, he came to the United States, making his way to Chicago, where he worked for a time as a file cutter, a trade which he had learned in Germany.



H. P. Henschel

A little later Mr. Herschel came to Peoria, where he obtained employment in a small shop owned by Louis Steier, who was an expert in the manufacture of sections for mower and reaper knives and who obtained his patronage from the farmers of Peoria and adjoining counties. As the business began to grow it attracted the attention of the Whitman & Barnes Manufacturing Company, at that time leaders in the production of cutting parts. This company purchased the Steier business, which was removed to Akron, Ohio, and thus Mr. Herschel was out of employment. In the meantime he had saved about two hundred dollars from his meager earnings and resolved to engage in business for himself in the manufacture of sections and knives. His original "factory" was in the basement of the building occupied by the Kinsey & Mahler Company and he initiated the new enterprise under the name of the Peoria Saw & Sickles Works in 1886 at which time Mr. Paul E. Herschel, Sr., became a partner and which in 1887 was changed to the name of R. Herschel & Co., but in 1893 adopted the name of the R. Herschel Manufacturing Company. The business was incorporated in 1893. At the outset they employed five people and the brothers, H. R. and Paul, also took a most active part in the work of the new enterprise. Their trade began to develop and after a short time they erected a factory at the corner of Persimmon street and South Washington, where they gave employment to twenty people. Year by year the business expanded until they were obliged to seek another location which would give them added space. This they secured in East Peoria and there they developed a plant covering twelve acres and employing six hundred people in the manufacture of cutting parts for mowers, reapers, self-binders and grain headers. Long since their business ceased to be a local one and covered not only the North American continent but many foreign countries as well, shipments often being made to many parts of the world. The R. Herschel Manufacturing Company acquired the entire knife and section business of the Whitman & Barnes Manufacturing Company which had left the brothers out of employment years before by the purchase of the Steier interests here. Theirs became one of the chief industrial enterprises of Peoria, the house ever sustaining an unsullied reputation for integrity and reliability as

well as for excellent workmanship in its manufactured products. Mr. Herschel always had the full cooperation, respect and support of his employes because of his considerate and generous treatment of them. Resting upon a sound basis, the business developed steadily under the wise guidance of the Herschel brothers. In addition to his interests as president of the R. Herschel Manufacturing Company, H. Robert Herschel was also president of the Cream Products Company and had various other important business associations.

Mr. Herschel was married twice. He first wedded Emilia, a daughter of Nicholas and Rosie Spicer, of Peoria, and the children of this marriage are Mrs. Fred W. Evans, of Los Angeles, California; Robert H.; Mrs. Irma Pierce; and Arthur D. On the 1st of June, 1899, Mr. Herschel was married to Miss Emilie Brendel, a daughter of Dr. Frederick and Elizabeth (Mueller) Brendel, the former an early and distinguished citizen of Peoria. Of the second marriage there is a daughter, Helen, an accomplished and talented young lady.

Mr. Herschel loved the great outdoors. Plants and flowers made strong appeal to him and he loved to wander through the woods and note the blossoms that greeted him on his way. Fishing was his chief hobby. In matters of citizenship he always maintained a most loyal attitude and ever sought to further the welfare and progress of the city in which he so long made his home, giving his active cooperation to all projects of vital worth and benefit to Peoria. He was particularly well known in Masonic circles, having membership in Schiller Lodge, No. 335, F. & A. M., while in the Scottish Rite he attained the thirty-second degree as a member of Peoria Consistory. He was likewise identified with Mohammed Temple of the Mystic Shrine and he was accorded the highest Masonic honors when he was laid to rest, the funeral services being held in Moslem Temple, while the lodge conducted the ceremony at the grave. To few men was accorded the warm friendship that was given Mr. Herschel by all who knew him, his employes, his business associates, his fellow lodge members and those whom he met through the social activities of life. He was always genial and his good nature was traditional in Peoria. He never allowed business to warp his kindly nature nor dwarf his

interest in the welfare of his fellowmen. He believed in the possession of good qualities by each individual and he believed, moreover, that it was his duty in so far as possible to seek out those good qualities. He gained the enduring friendship of young and old, rich and poor, and his passing on the 29th of April, 1925, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His life proved what can be accomplished when determination and enterprise point out the way. He won a notable measure of success but he gained more than that—the love and esteem of all with whom he was associated, and many years will come and go ere the memory of H. Robert Herschel ceases to be a kindly and inspiring influence in the lives of those who knew him.

EDWARD A. HEALD

In the banking circles of the Illinois River Valley no name is better known than that of Edward A. Heald, who has been actively identified with the Canton National Bank, of Canton, Fulton county, for over fifty years, being the dean of bankers in this section of the state. He was born August 18, 1862, in the city where he still resides, and is a son of Charles T. and Amelia Martha (Aiken) Heald. His father, who was a pioneer banker of Canton, was born at Chester, Vermont, and was of Scotch ancestry. In 1856 he came from Vermont to Canton to open the first bank in this place for Maple & Stipp, whom he succeeded a year or two later as C. T. Heald, private banker. He continued as such until 1890, when, with associates of Peoria, Illinois, he organized the Peoria Savings, Loan and Trust Company. He remained identified with that institution until it was merged with the Illinois National Bank, when he returned to Canton and established the C. T. Heald Abstract Company, this being the first professional abstract company in Fulton county. In that business he was actively engaged until he was eighty-five years of age, giving it his personal attention until within four weeks of his death, which occurred on May 5, 1918. His wife, who died four years prior to his demise, was born at Windom, Vermont, of Scotch ancestry, and her mother's family was closely allied

with the Aiken family from which came Robert Burns, the poet, his mother having been an Aiken. Mr. and Mrs. Heald had six children, all of whom are living, namely: Charles P., of Dunlap, Illinois; Mrs. Newton Wyeth, whose husband is an attorney in Chicago; Mrs. Clarence White, whose husband is dean of Colby College, at Waterville, Maine; Edward A., of this review; Nell A., of Quincy, Illinois; and Mrs. Cliff W. Gress, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, whose husband is a banker in Minneapolis and Canon Falls, that state.

Edward A. Heald attended the public and high schools of Canton and completed his education in Oberlin College, at Oberlin, Ohio. On April 17, 1878, when not yet seventeen years of age, he left school to enter his father's bank, which had then become the Canton National Bank. He was first collection clerk and janitor, and for over a year he slept over the bank. He was next promoted to teller, in which capacity he served for a year and a half, when he was made assistant cashier. Five years later, at the time his father went to Peoria, he was made cashier and thus served for thirty years. He then became vice president and four years later, in 1924, became president, which office he still holds. He is the oldest banker in point of years of service in this section of the state, and none has had a finer record as an executive than he. He is a man of clear-headed judgment and keen discrimination and the bank has enjoyed a period of prosperity under his administration.

Mr. Heald was married on September 5, 1883, to Miss Mary E. Chaffee, who was born and reared in Canton, and they had four children. Charles Hobart, an architect, died in Chicago in 1916. Dean A. lives in Canton. Prof. Mark M., head of the history department of Rutgers College, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, was formerly a member of the faculty of Princeton University and of Columbia University. He enlisted in the World war as a private in Company E, Veteran Infantry, Fourth Division, and saw sixteen months service in France and with the Army of Occupation in Germany. Upon his discharge he received the appointment as adjutant sergeant of his brigade for his fine record. Mary Chaffee is a cataloguer in the library of the University of Chicago. The mother of these children passed away

on May 24, 1916, and on May 23, 1922, Mr. Heald was married to Mrs. Katharine Maple Foster, of Chicago, in which city she was born and reared. She is a granddaughter of the man for whom Mr. Heald's father came to Canton to open a bank in 1856.

Mr. Heald has always supported the republican party and has taken a fairly active part in local political affairs. He served for four years as collector of internal revenue in Canton, the eighth revenue district, a number of years ago, and had the distinction of collecting the largest amount in the district outside of Peoria. He is a member of the Masonic order, being one of the oldest Masons in Canton, and is next to the oldest member of the Mystic Shrine in this city. He has been a Mason over forty-five years and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for over forty-six years. He belongs also to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Elks Club and of the Canton Country Club, of which he was one of the organizers. He is a member of the Congregational Church, of which he was formerly a trustee. During the World war he served as the secret correspondent of the government in Canton for investigating applicants seeking compensation for losses, and also took an active part in the various Liberty Loan drives and other war-time activities. He served as president of Group Three of the State Bankers' Association, and as vice president for Fulton county of the State Bankers' Association, and on the executive council of the same. The Canton National Bank has the distinction of being the oldest customer or correspondent of the Park National Bank of New York city, having been doing business with it continuously without a break since 1857, a period of over seventy-two years.

CARL H. FELTMAN

Carl H. Feltman, a representative of the third generation of the Feltman family in Peoria, is widely known as vice president and general manager of the corporation owning the Hamilton Motor Inn, one of the largest and most up-to-date garages found in this section of the state. He is a young man of thirty-one years, born in Peoria on the 22d of January, 1900, and is the son of

Charles H. and Ethel E. (Smith) Feltman. The father was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin, March 31, 1859, his parents being Henry and Catharine (von der Velde) Feltman. Henry Feltman, the paternal grandfather of Carl H. Feltman, left Westphalia, Germany, in 1836, when a mere boy, sailed for America and for a number of years thereafter made his home in Chicago. He was married in Wisconsin to Catharine von der Velde, who in 1848 accompanied her parents from Hanover, Germany, the family being among the first to leave their section of the fatherland for the new world. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Feltman began their domestic life in Wisconsin, whence several years later, in 1864, they removed to Pekin, Illinois, where for many years Henry Feltman conducted business successfully as a lumber merchant.

Charles H. Feltman, the father of Carl H. Feltman of this review, was a lad of five years when brought by his parents to this state and his early education was acquired in the public schools of Pekin. At the age of fourteen he was able to enter the Iowa Wesleyan University at Mount Pleasant, having the distinction of being the youngest scholar ever enrolled in that institution. While a student there he joined the Beta Theta Pi, the only secret society with which he ever became identified. A contemporary biographer said: "After two years of steady work at Mount Pleasant he decided to enter the business world and although his father was a man of considerable wealth and would gladly have aided his son in establishing himself in business, the latter preferred to 'row his own canoe,' as he expresses it, and from the age of sixteen has depended entirely upon his own labor and resources. He secured the position of bookkeeper at the Smith Wagon Works in Pekin and afterward became bookkeeper for Wilson & Holcomb, proprietors of a distillery there. On the incorporation of that business, the members of the firm, in recognition of the efficient and faithful service of Mr. Feltman, had certain stock in the corporation laid away for the young bookkeeper. The work of the latter was so satisfactory that when he was eighteen years of age he was elected secretary and manager of the company, filling the dual position with distinction for a number of years. In 1886 Mr. Feltman resigned his position and came to Peoria, entering the grain commission firm of Smith, Hippen & Company,

which had its home office in Pekin. He acted as managing partner at Peoria and five years later, following the death of Mr. Hippen, entered the grain trade on his own account, thus establishing himself in the business in which he is now most successfully engaged, ranking with the foremost grain merchants of Peoria." In addition to the grain business Mr. Feltman was the owner of two well improved farms in Peoria county, one comprising three hundred acres in Elmwood township and the other two hundred and forty acres in Richwoods township. He was a director of the Central National Bank of Peoria since 1908 and for many years was one of the stockholders of the institution. For more than four decades he operated on the Peoria Board of Trade and he was honored with its presidency. He was also a member of the Illinois Grain Dealers Association, the National Hay Association and the National Grain Dealers Association. His name was likewise on the membership rolls of the Association of Commerce, the Creve Coeur Club and the Transportation Club, and with his family he was a member of the First Congregational Church, of which he was a trustee. He owned a handsome home at 401 West Armstrong avenue, Peoria, together with other choice residence property in the city. He died September 18, 1916.

On the 7th of February, 1895, in Peoria, Mr. Feltman was married to Miss Ethel E. Smith, a daughter of Morris Smith, who for four years served with the Union Army in the Civil war. Mr. Smith came to Illinois from the state of New York and was one of the pioneer business men of Peoria. To Charles H. and Ethel E. (Smith) Feltman were born a son and two daughters, namely: Carl H.; Katherine, who is the mother of one child, Marion Spotswood White, six years of age; and Ethel Marion, the wife of Miles Colean, who is a member of the firm of Coles & Colean of Chicago and is one of the rising young architects of the metropolis. Mr. Colean is also an author of note, one of his "best sellers" being entitled "Quest," which is a story of life in the midwest. Mr. and Mrs. Colean have a daughter, Mary Katherine.

Carl H. Feltman, whose name introduces this article, attended the grade and high schools of Peoria and following his graduation in 1918 entered the University of Wisconsin, which in 1922 con-

ferred upon him the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Electrical Engineering. On his return to his native city he assumed the management of the Hamilton Motor Inn, which business was incorporated in 1922 and has the following officers: Arthur G. Heidrich, president; Carl H. Feltman, vice president and general manager; and N. Kirk Avery, secretary and treasurer. All of the above named are citizens of Peoria. Fifteen people are employed in the conduct of the business of the corporation, which owns its building, seventy-two by one hundred and seventy-seven feet, affording storage space for three hundred cars. Carl H. Feltman is a member of the American Business Club of Peoria, Creve Coeur Club of Peoria, the Peoria Country Club, the high school fraternity Beta Phi Sigma and the college fraternity Beta Theta Pi. He enjoys well deserved popularity in both business and social circles of his native city and his friends are legion.

GEORGE WILSON

George Wilson, cashier of the State Bank and Trust Company, is one of the leading citizens of Canton, Fulton county, and has long been actively identified with matters concerning the welfare and progress of his community. He was born on a farm in Fairview township, Fulton county, on the 27th of April, 1864, and is a son of John E. and Maria (Rodomar) Wilson, the former a native of New York state and the latter of New Jersey. The paternal grandfather was Rev. A. D. Wilson, a pioneer minister, who came to this country about 1836. John E. Wilson was a farmer and was a good, substantial citizen, whose death, in January, 1901, was generally regretted throughout his community. His wife passed away some years prior to his demise.

George Wilson was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the common schools and the preparatory department of Knox College. He taught school for several winters and then engaged in farming in Fairview township, which occupation he followed for five years. In 1896 he engaged in banking at Ellisville, Illinois, establishing the Bank of Ellisville, of which he was the active head for ten years. In 1906 he sold his interest

in the bank and in the fall of that year was elected treasurer of Fulton county, serving for four years. In 1907, in association with the late W. H. Boyer, he organized the First State Bank and Trust Company, of Canton, of which he has since been the cashier and active in its management. This institution has been very successful, being one of the solid and influential financial institutions of this locality. He still maintains his interest in farming being the owner of valuable and productive farm lands.

Mr. Wilson was married in the fall of 1889, to Miss Nina Parks, of Fairview, Illinois, and to them were born three children, Glen, Jeanette and Lillian. The mother died in 1894 and in the fall of 1897 Mr. Wilson married Miss Mary E. Taylor, of New York, and they have two children, Mildred and George, Jr. Mr. Wilson has always given his political support to the democratic party and has shown deep and helpful interest in public affairs. He has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry and his religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been an elder and trustee. True and loyal to every trust and responsibility, he has earned the confidence of all who have had dealings with him, and is one of Fulton county's representative business men and citizens.

WALTER TEIS SMITH

Walter T. Smith, secretary and treasurer of Clarke & Company for the past twenty years, and one of Peoria's energetic and capable business men, was born in Pekin, Illinois, September 27, 1864, and is a son of D. C. and Caroline (Pieper) Smith. His father, who was born in Germany, April 4, 1840, was a son of Conrad and Margaret (Van der Velde) Smith, both of whom were natives of Germany, and both died in Pekin, Illinois, where he had operated a blacksmith shop. D. C. Smith was a manufacturer and banker and one of Pekin's most prominent and influential citizens. He was a republican, active in public affairs, serving as representative in the state legislature and as a member of congress. A member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for many years he was superintendent of its Sunday school. He was a veteran of

the Civil war, having served as a captain in the Union Army, and was wounded in the battle of Shiloh. He died in Pekin in April, 1914. Caroline (Pieper) Smith was born at Beardstown, Illinois, December 10, 1844, and died in Pekin, in March 1923. She was a daughter of Lewis and Anna (Steiwert) Pieper, the former one of the first merchants of Beardstown, where his death occurred. The mother was born in Germany and died in Pekin.

Walter T. Smith attended the public schools and the Cathedral school in Pekin, the Iowa Wesleyan University, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and the University of Michigan, from which institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1887. In 1888 he was graduated from Columbia University, New York city, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the latter year he was admitted to the bar of Minnesota and entered upon the practice of his profession in St. Paul, where he remained two years. Returning then to Pekin, Illinois, he engaged in the wagon manufacturing business for fifteen years under the name of the Smith Wagon Company, of which he was treasurer, and later manager. He next went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, as treasurer of the Hennepin Lumber Company, which position he held for three years, resigning in 1910 to become secretary and treasurer of Clarke & Company, at Peoria, which position he is still filling.

On October 28, 1896, in Pekin, Illinois, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Grace Rupert, a native of Pekin and a daughter of F. E. and Ella (Hornish) Rupert, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Smith attended the public schools of Pekin, St. Mary's School, at Knoxville, Illinois, and the New England Conservatory of Music, in Boston, Massachusetts. She is a member of the Women's Club and the Literary Society of Pekin, and the P. E. O., while her religious connection is with the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of a son, Franklin Rupert, who was born January 16, 1903, was graduated from the University of Michigan with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1925, and is now studying for his Master degree in architecture at Harvard University. He married Miss Beryl Johnson, of Detroit, Michigan, and they are the parents of a son, Theodore Teis, born October 19, 1926.

The republican party receives Mr. Smith's support and his re-

ligious membership is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is treasurer of the Association of Commerce and treasurer of the Greater Peoria Exposition, and belongs to the Creve Coeur Club, the University Club, the Pekin Country Club, all of Peoria; the Tazewell Club, at Pekin; the Beta Theta Pi college fraternity and the Phi Delta Phi law fraternity. To a marked degree he possesses the essential qualities of good citizenship and no member of his community holds a higher place than he in public esteem.

ALBERT HENRY HATTAN, M. D.

Albert Henry Hattan was born on a farm, in Belleplaine township, Marshall county, Illinois, June 4, 1851. His father, Andrew Hattan, was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, January 1, 1827, and migrated to Illinois with his father's family in 1836 when he was nine years old, and so grew to manhood in the neighborhood in which the family first settled in Illinois. Andrew Hattan married Artimesia Moulton, December 6, 1849. She was the fourth child and the third daughter of Levi Moulton and Mary Burns. She was born near Delavan, Tazewell county, Illinois, March 18, 1830, and was raised in that locality but the Moulton family moved to Marshall county and became neighbors of the Hattans in the springtime of 1848 and contiguity did the rest. The young people began at once to make a home on eighty acres of good land on the east side of the Hattan farm that Forsyth had given Andrew for two years services after his majority, but a splendid start in life was blotted out by the death of Andrew Hattan May 8, 1852 of pneumonia. On December 16, 1852, a posthumous daughter was born, Mary Elizabeth.

His mother remarried, November 1, 1854, William F. Hattan, a younger brother of his father and the home life was continued where it began until two years later, when a new house was built across the road in Bennington township, within a hundred yards of his birthplace, and here was the family home until he married. It was an interesting and wholesome community and the home life of the family was the best possible of its kind and

time. William had a family of three girls: Ida Florence, born June 15, 1857; Eva May, born September 1, 1861; and Addie Belle, born November 7, 1868.

The schools of the neighborhood were the rural district kind, so well known in history and romance, and formative and instructive. Albert early developed in study and a love of, and for books, and was soon an earnest and diligent scholar and is yet, for that matter. In August, 1879, he passed an examination for a teachers certificate, and began teaching, which he continued for most of the next five years. In 1873 he made a definite choice of medicine and began the study of medicine with Dr. Zachary Taylor, a bright and active physician, then located in La Rose.

On June 4, 1874, he was married to Miss Jennie Cornelia Bangs, a daughter of Samuel Lyman Bangs and Margaret Howard. S. L. Bangs was born in Hawley, Massachusetts, a descendant of Edward Bangs, who joined the Massachusetts colony in 1622, a passenger on the ship *Ann*. Margaret Howard was born in England and emigrated to the United States in company with four unmarried brothers in 1836, and located about Chili, New York, near Rochester.

During the winter of 1874 and 1875 Albert attended a course of lectures at the Eclectic Medical Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, and in May, 1875, bought out the home and business of Dr. Taylor in La Rose and began a practice that has continued over the half century mark. A year and a half of practice and he went back to complete what in 1876 was the required course of medical education, and in 1877 received the degree of M. D. from the American Medical College located in St. Louis, Missouri. A year later, in March, 1878, he located in Peru, Illinois, and here we find him, alert and active in 1931, though he has not remained continuously here. In August, 1880, he moved to Henry, Illinois, and was there in active practice until August, 1882, when he returned to Peru.

The Hattan family numbered four boys: Edward Howard, born in La Rose, April 2, 1876; Fred Hammond, born in Peru, July 28, 1879; Harry Loomis, born in Henry, March 22, 1881; and Arthur Wilson, born in Peru, December 11, 1883. All are

high school graduates, Edward and Fred of the Peru high school, Harry from Madison high, at Madison, Wisconsin, and Arthur from La Salle-Peru township high. Edward and Fred received the degree of B. S. from Wisconsin University. Harry had one year at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois, and one year in Wisconsin University, in Madison, Wisconsin. Arthur had two years at Wisconsin University and two years at the Art Institute in New York city. Edward holds a degree of M. D., from Rush Medical College, Chicago, and Fred an A. M. from Princeton University, New Jersey. These boys have put their advanced education to good purpose. Edward is now a member of the faculty of Northwestern University, holding the chair of professor of dental pathology in the Dental College. Fred won renown as a dramatic critic for two Chicago dailies and finally devoted himself wholly to writing dramas and scenarios, winning nation-wide interest. Harry was for years a useful and active employe of the Associated Press and at his untimely death was the director of publicity of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Arthur was employed as a decorator and designer in Ware Brothers Publishing House in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Edward married Miss Elizabeth Sprague Burt of Lake City, Iowa, in December 1911, and they have one child, Edward Henry, born in 1915. Fred was married December 11, 1909, to Mrs. John Kenneth Mackenzie, a widow with two small boys. She is a daughter of the Rev. Clinton Locke, pastor of the Grace Episcopal Church, Chicago, for many years. They are now residents of New York city. Harry married Miss Lois Farrar Parsons, of St. Paul, Minnesota, October 28, 1915. They are the parents of two children living and one dead. The living are Harrison, Jr., and Nancy Virginia, born in 1919 and 1922, respectively.

Arthur died at the family home in Peru, February 7, 1913, of an attack of typhoid fever, and Harry died suddenly October 13, 1929, at his home in White Bear Lake, Minnesota.

The Doctor joined the Masons in 1878, the Odd Fellows in 1881 and the Knights of Pythias in 1887, and is yet a member of them all. He has been a member of the Christian Church at Pattonsburg, Illinois, since 1870.

Three fifty year anniversaries have been held. June, 1924, was a "Golden Wedding," at which all the living members of the family were present and a becoming celebration dinner was staged at the South Bluff Country Clubhouse. In June, 1925, at the same place, Dr. Hattan gave a dinner to the members of the Tri-City Medical Society, their families and close friends, that proved one of the best attended, most felicitous and kindly remembered of any of the many popular events held there. They were his guests and did honor to the occasion but they staged a comeback and at the opportune moment they took charge of the occasion and formally presented him a handsome gift watch, beautifully engraved; "Dr. A. H. Hattan from the Tri-City Medical Society 1875-1925." It was a splendid tribute and beautifully done. In March, 1928, at a special meeting of the officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 13, A. F. and A. M., held in the Hotel Peru after a splendid dinner Dr. Hattan was presented with a beautiful and expensive Masonic ring. Few things in life have given him more joy than the wearing of this ring, a tribute to fifty years of Masonic obligations well done, and he wears it like his "specs," all his waking hours.

These are some of the things that have come and gone in a half century of an active life, of a man of winning personality, a generous heart and indefatigable industry.

GEN. ELISHA B. HAMILTON

Among the distinguished citizens of Illinois who, having finished their allotted tasks here, have passed to higher spheres of activity, was the late General Elisha Bentley Hamilton, whose death, on March 20, 1902, was sincerely deplored by all who knew him. He was a man of marked native ability and attained a place in the front rank of the legal profession, to which he devoted the best years of his life, while as a soldier he gained distinction and preferment because of his courage, coolheaded judgment and faithful performance of his duty. As a private citizen he set an example of loyalty and patriotism in time of peace and no citizen of the commonwealth enjoyed to a greater degree than



GENERAL ELISHA B. HAMILTON

he the respect and admiration of his fellowmen. General Hamilton was born in Carthage, Illinois, on the 5th of October, 1838, and was a son of Artois Hamilton. The latter was a native of New York state and became one of the early settlers in Hancock county, Illinois. The town of Hamilton was named for him. He was a recognized leader in the early days of Illinois and kept a celebrated hotel in Carthage, at which Stephen A. Douglas, Abraham Lincoln and others famous in public life frequently stopped.

Elisha B. Hamilton was graduated in 1860 from Illinois College, at Jacksonville, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and his alma mater subsequently conferred on him his Master's degree. He took up the study of law with the firm of Wheat & Warren and was admitted to the bar of Illinois in 1869. He was admitted to partnership in the firm, the name of which then became Warren, Wheat & Hamilton, and was later succeeded by the firm of Wheat, Ewing & Hamilton. At the time of his death he was the senior member of the firm of Hamilton & Woods, at Quincy, Illinois. He commanded a large and important practice, in which he met with great success, and long held a leading place in his profession. He was frequently urged to accept public office, which he consistently declined, desiring not to depart from his profession for preferment in politics.

In 1862 Mr. Hamilton enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining the One Hundred and Eighteenth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was made quartermaster sergeant of his company, from which he was promoted to first lieutenant, and was for a time an aide-de-camp on the staff of General Fonda. After the close of the war he was brevetted brigadier-general and for many years served as inspector-general of the Illinois National Guard. He commanded troops in the great railroad strike at East St. Louis in 1877. During the war he participated in General Sherman's first attack on Vicksburg and was with General McClernand in the two days' battle at Arkansas Post. He was also in the battles of Port Gibson, Champion Hills and Black River Bridge, where an entire regiment of Confederate troops was captured. He remained with his regiment at Black River Bridge until the surrender of Vicksburg, holding the rear against the forces of General Johnston. Later his regiment was transferred

to the department of the Gulf and participated in many engagements until the close of the war. During the winter of 1864 General Hamilton served as provost-marshal of Baton Rouge. After returning to civil life he never lost interest in military affairs and served on the staffs of Governors Cullom, Oglesby and Fifer.

In 1878 General Hamilton was united in marriage to Miss Mary Fisk, of Quincy, Illinois, and they became the parents of two children, Lucy H., the wife of Allan F. Ayers, president of the Ohio Savings and Trust Company, at Akron, Ohio, and E. Bentley, senior member of the law firm of Hamilton, Holtgreve & Klatt, at Peoria, Illinois. Politically, General Hamilton was a lifelong supporter of the republican party and was a leader in the political affairs of his state, his oratory being in great demand at political conventions, while his opinions and counsel were valued highly by the leaders of the party. He was a member of the Masonic order, in which he had attained the rank of Knight Templar; the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, of which he was senior vice commander; the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, and the Illinois State Historical Society, of which he was vice president. His religious faith was that of the Congregational Church and he stood consistently for those things which were calculated to promote the well-being of society. His career was well rounded in all of its aspects, for he did his full duty in all the relations of life. His death removed from his community one of its most substantial and highly esteemed citizens and the many beautiful tributes to his high standing in the world of affairs, in his profession and as a man and citizen attested to the abiding place he had in the hearts and affections of the people among whom he lived.

THOMAS J. McCORMACK

Thomas J. McCormack was born in Brooklyn, New York, and attended the grammar and high schools of that city and of Manhattan. Later he went to Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, where he received a classical education, and was awarded on graduation the Fellowship of Modern History. Mr. McCor-

mack then spent some two years in Europe, where he attended the universities of Leipzig and Tübingen, studying history, political science and the modern languages. On his return he continued his study of jurisprudence at Columbia University, New York city, and later at the Chicago Law School. He came west shortly after the Open Court Publishing Company was founded by E. C. Hegeler—first to Chicago and then to La Salle—and worked for many years with that organization in the capacity of writer, editor, and translator.

His work and studies during this period were chiefly concerned with the history and philosophy of science, especially the philosophy of mathematics and physics, and with the theory of education. During this period Mr. McCormack edited many philosophical and mathematical works, wrote numerous articles and reviews for the *Monist* and the *Open Court*, of which he was assistant editor, and translated from the French and German a long list of books on science and philosophy. Later he edited a large historical work, "The Memoirs of Gustave Koerner."

In 1903 Mr. McCormack was elected to the superintendency of the La Salle-Peru township high school and, giving up his literary and scientific career, has since devoted his time to the practical problems of secondary education, as presented in the La Salle-Peru township high school. In 1924 he was made director of the La Salle-Peru-Oglesby Junior College.

Mr. McCormack is a member of several scientific societies and academies, among them the American Philosophical Society and the American Mathematical Society, and his name is one of the one hundred and sixty-four representatives from Illinois in the new biographical dictionary of "American Men of Science" published by the MacMillan Company of New York. But perhaps his most widely known venture in education was the establishment in 1923 of the Bureau of Educational Counsel, an organization devoted to the study of the individual needs of high school pupils. The work of this organization is conducted by two social psychiatric workers with the assistance of psychiatrists and psychologists from Chicago who every six weeks hold special behavior clinics in the La Salle schools. The La Salle-Peru township high school was the first public school in the country in which

mental hygiene was introduced as an auxiliary technique for the treatment of student problems.

In 1919, Mr. McCormack was awarded the honorary degree of Master of Science by Princeton University, and in 1930 Northwestern University conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

ALBERT J. WEIL

Though a comparatively young man, Albert J. Weil has attained a prominent place in the legal profession in Peoria and has won a large and representative clientele. Born in this city on the 23d of September, 1900, he is a son of Joseph A. and Maude (Schwabacher) Weil. His father, who was born in Peoria, May 30, 1870, is now engaged in the practice of law here as a member of the firm of Weil, Bartley & Weil, and is a stockholder in several banks. He is a democrat in his political alignment and served for eight years as a member of the state central committee. He is also a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. On June 22, 1889, in Peoria, he married Miss Maude Schwabacher, who was born and reared in this city and is a daughter of the late Henry S. Schwabacher, one of the pioneer distillers of Peoria.

Albert J. Weil attended the graded schools of Peoria and then entered Culver Military Academy, at Culver, Indiana, from which he was graduated in 1917. He matriculated in Illinois Wesleyan University, but had attended there only one year when he enlisted in the World war. He was assigned to detached service with the Motor Transport Corps, and saw but a few weeks of active duty, being honorably discharged one week after the signing of the armistice. On his return home he took up the study of law in his father's office and was admitted to the Illinois bar on October 12, 1922. He and his father were associated in practice until January 1, 1923, when he became the junior member of the firm of Weil, Bartley & Weil. On December 3, 1924, he was appointed assistant state's attorney, under Henry E. Pratt, which position he is filling in a capable and satisfactory manner.

On August 23, 1926, Mr. Weil was united in marriage to Miss Cosette Baird, who was born in Middleport, Ohio, and is a daughter of Rev. Jesse H. Baird, who is now pastor of the Christian Church at Galesburg, Illinois. Mrs. Weil was educated in the public schools of Indiana and the Bush Conservatory of Chicago, is a member of the Amateur Music Club and belongs to the Peoria Christian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Weil are the parents of two children, Albert J., Jr., born June 16, 1928, and David, born June 4, 1929. By a former marriage Mr. Weil has a son, Joseph Albert, born October 23, 1922.

Mr. Weil supports the republican party and is a member of the First Congregational Church. He belongs to Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, No. 3, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Peoria Lodge No. 20, B. P. O. E.; the Royal Order of Jesters; the Modern Woodmen of America; the American Legion; and the Phi Alpha Delta college fraternity, and is affiliated with the Peoria County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association. He is fond of outdoor sports and is a very popular member of the social circles to which he belongs.

HOWARD I. HARDIN

Among Peoria's leading food manufacturing concerns is that of Thomas & Clarke, makers and wholesale dealers in crackers, biscuits and cakes, at East Franklin and South Water streets, one of the leading establishments in its line in this state. The president and general manager of this firm, Howard I. Hardin, entered its employ as shipping clerk in May, 1898, and through his faithful and efficient service received deserved promotions until he became the executive head of the business, which, under his management, has enjoyed a splendid growth.

He was born in Peoria on the 14th of July, 1874, and is a son of Erastus D. and Arminia (Taylor) Hardin. His father, who was descended from sterling old English stock, was born at Leonardsville, Madison county, New York, in 1832 and died in 1907. The paternal grandfather was a native of Herkimer

county, New York, and was a member of the assembly for some time, but during the greater part of his life was a merchant, conducting a general store at Leonardsville. Erastus D. Hardin came to Peoria, Illinois, in July, 1857, the year of his marriage, and here entered the banking business as a partner of the private banking firm of S. Pulsiver & Company. He remained with that firm about seventeen years, when he retired on account of poor health, and engaged in the real estate business, under the firm name of Hardin & Miller, which concern handled many of the early, choice subdivisions of Peoria. Mr. Hardin remained in the real estate business to the time of his death. Arminia (Taylor) Hardin, daughter of Timothy C. and Clarissa (Walker) Taylor, was born in Plainfield, Otsego county, New York, December 8, 1833. She was graduated at Clinton Liberal Institute at Clinton, New York, and among her school mates were Clara Barton, Antonette Sterling, the great singer, and Miss Fake who became the wife of Bishop McLaren. Her father was a farmer and cattle man. He left home with a shipment of cattle bound for Buffalo, where he sold the cattle, but he was never heard of afterwards. A rock at Niagara Falls was named in his honor. His daughter Arminia, who died in December, 1889, was one of the organizers and served as the first president of the Home for the Friendless, and her portrait hangs in a conspicuous place in the home. To Erastus D. and Arminia Hardin were born five sons, as follows: Clarence T., who died at the age of thirty-four years, was connected with the banking business in Peoria; Herbert E., who was born in Peoria and died at the age of sixty-six years, had been for many years superintendent of the Ohio Rake Company, at Dayton, Ohio; Robert H., who was born in Peoria and died at the age of fifty-nine years, was employed in railroad office work, and as auditor of the Peoria Terminal, serving during the last four years as chief clerk for the receiver for an insurance company in Chicago, Illinois; Erastus B., born in Peoria, died at the age of forty-three years, after many years of service with the government as storekeeper in Peoria; and Howard I., of this review. Herbert E. Hardin became the father of two children: Gladys, who is the wife of James M. Howey, of Anchorage, Kentucky, the owner of Glendale Farms, which furnishes certified

milk to the city of Louisville, Kentucky, and they are the parents of a daughter, Virginia; and Clarence W., who lives in Louisville, Kentucky, where he is superintendent of the purchasing department of Stratton & Terstegge Company, of Louisville. He was with the aviation department of the army during the World war and saw over a year's service in France.

Howard I. Hardin attended the public and high schools of Peoria and then went to work for the American Glucose Company, now the Corn Products Company of Peoria. He was with that concern for one year when he with others and the former superintendent of that company, Theodore H. Kraft, went with a company, known as the Rockford Sugar Refining Company, at Rockford, where they erected a plant. Marshall Field, Norman B. Ream and others financed this plant, which handled seventeen thousand bushels of corn daily, and became an important and prosperous concern. Mr. Hardin remained with that business until 1896, when it merged with other glucose companies and became the Corn Products Company. Later he joined Swift & Company, being connected with the hide and leather department for one year, and on June 6, 1898, he came to the firm of Thomas & Clarke as shipping clerk. He has held every position in the factory and office, thus acquiring a first-hand knowledge of every detail of the business, and is now president and general manager. He is also identified with the Thomas & Hardin Building Corporation. The company owns its building, at the corner of East Franklin and South Water streets, consisting of four stories and basement, affording seventy-five thousand square feet of floor space, all occupied by the Thomas & Clarke Company. The company manufactures high grade goods and commands a steadily increasing trade, largely in Illinois, though it also serves many river towns. The other officers of the company are, J. N. Gardiner, vice president; Irene Thomas Herron, secretary, and Frank B. Weber, treasurer. The plant is modern in every respect, uses daily two hundred and ten barrels of flour and gives steady employment to one hundred and seventy people.

On July 18, 1904, Mr. Hardin was united in marriage to Miss Josephine May Woodin, who was born in Rock Island, Illinois, and is a daughter of Sheldon J. and Rose Woodin. Her mother

is deceased and her father still lives in Rock Island. To Mr. and Mrs. Hardin have been born the following children: Richard Clarke, born October 1, 1905, is connected with the engineering department of the Meadows Manufacturing Company, of Bloomington, Illinois; Sheldon W., born August 25, 1907, graduated from the Peoria high school and attended the University of Illinois and the University of California, is a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity of the University of Illinois, and is now connected with his father in the Thomas & Clarke business. William H., born September 25, 1909, graduated from the Peoria high school and is a student in the University of Wisconsin. He is a member of the Alpha Delta Phi of that university.

Mr. Hardin is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., at Peoria; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Peoria Tent, No. 8, Knights of the Maccabees; The Woodmen of the World; the Creve Coeur Club; the North Shore Country Club; and the Hamilton Club of Chicago. Mrs. Hardin is a member of the Panhellenic Club, an educational organization, the members of which are college Greek Letter women, and is also assistant secretary of the Crittenden Home Association of Peoria. Mr. Hardin has achieved success in his affairs because he has worked hard and honorably, and he commands the respect of all who have had dealings with him.

JAMES B. WILTON

James B. Wilton is secretary and treasurer, of J. B. Wilton, Brother & Company, a firm which owns and conducts the Wilton Mortuary, one of the best equipped establishments of the kind in the Illinois River Valley, and in his dual capacity he has contributed in large measure to the success of the corporation. He was born in Peoria, on the 23d of July, 1887, and is a son of John B. and Emma (Bennett) Wilton. His grandparents, Richard and Ann (Bennett) Wilton were born in England, the father in Devonshire. Early in life they came to America, locating in

Canada, where the grandfather engaged in farming for many years, but finally retired some time prior to his death, which occurred in Canada, October 27, 1913, at the age of ninety-three years. His wife died in Canada in March, 1917, at the age of eighty-six years.

John B. Wilton, was born at Beachville, Ontario, Canada, December 26, 1862, and is now president of J. B. Wilton, Brother & Company in Peoria. He is also a director of the South Side Trust and Savings Bank, Peoria, and the Peoria Loan and Homestead Association. He is a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, of which he has served as a vestryman, is a republican in his political faith, and belongs to the Masonic order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. Emma (Bennett) Wilton was born in Peoria, Illinois, December 2, 1862, and died here September 28, 1920. She was a daughter of James and Ann (Bye) Bennett, both of whom were natives of England. The father, who was born in Devonshire, died in March, 1903, at the age of seventy-six years. He was originally in the harness and saddlery business, but later turned his attention to the undertaking business, founding the Wilton Mortuary. He served for eight years as coroner of Peoria county.

James B. Wilton attended the public and high schools of Peoria, the Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria, Jubilee College, one year, and St. Albin's College, at Knoxville. He then entered the old Merchants' Bank of Peoria, serving as messenger for about one year. In 1908 he became associated with his father, John B. Wilton, and his uncle, Richard S. Wilton, in the undertaking business at 1304 South Adams street. His uncle came to Peoria from Canada in 1890 and from that time on was associated with his brother in the business, which was incorporated in 1913, under the name of J. B. Wilton, Brother & Company, when John B. Wilton became the president, Richard S. Wilton the vice president, and James B. Wilton the secretary, also becoming treasurer in 1922, and these respective positions they still hold. On January 1, 1923, they moved from 1304 South Adams street, their location for nearly forty years, to their present quarters at 1212 South Adams street. Here they have one of the most modern establishments to be found

anywhere, their equipment not only including auto hearses, passenger cars and a large garage on the rear of their lot, but their funeral parlors are equipped with a voice amplifying system, which conveys the ministers voice to every room in the building, being operated by a microphone at the speakers desk, with loud speakers in different parts of the building.

Mr. Wilton was united in marriage, March 27, 1921, to Miss Eula Mallory, a native of Ontario, Canada, who died in Peoria, June 2, 1926. He later married Miss Geneva Brazelton, a daughter of Fred Brazelton, of Monmouth, Illinois. Mr. Wilton is the father of three children: John B. II, born October 29, 1913; James B., born September 19, 1922; and Gerald Mallory, May 20, 1924.

In his political views Mr. Wilton is a republican and has membership in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. He belongs to Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Consistory A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is also a member of Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E.; the Creve Coeur Club, the Optimist Club and the Association of Commerce. Mr. Wilton has for years been actively interested in musical matters. For a long period he was soloist at St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, and later he directed the choir and was soloist of the First Congregational Church for several years. He has also served as director of the Mohammed Chanters for a number of years. A man of substantial qualities and pleasing address, he has a large circle of warm and loyal friends and is very highly regarded throughout the community in which he lives.

H. EDGAR GREGORY

One of the best known hotel men of the Middle West is H. Edgar Gregory, the executive head of the Hotel Pere Marquette, at Peoria, whose record for over twenty years has been one of repeated successes in hotel management. He was born in Plattsburg, Clinton county, New York, April 3, 1885, a son of George F. and Marion (Averill) Gregory. His grandfather, Dr. Harri-

son Gregory, was a prominent physician and surgeon at Deposit, New York, and was a veteran of the Mexican war. George F. Gregory was born at Deposit, New York, and died at Babylon, Suffolk county, New York. He had for many years been the proprietor of hotels, but had retired from active affairs some time before his demise. He was a republican and a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Marion (Averill) Gregory was born at Plattsburg, New York, and died in Baltimore, Maryland. Her parents, Edgar and Abbie (DeJong) Averill, were lifelong residents of Plattsburg and Mr. Averill conducted a chain of hotels throughout northern New York.

H. Edgar Gregory attended the public schools of Syracuse, New York, and the Manlius Military Institute, at Manlius, Onondaga county, New York. He graduated from Phillips Academy, at Andover, Massachusetts, in 1905, after which he became associated with his father in the hotel business in New York city, continuing in that relation until his father's retirement, in 1907, after which he successively managed a number of hotels in New England. In 1915 he became manager of the Hotel Fontenelle, at Omaha, Nebraska, where he remained until 1920, when he went to Washington, D. C., where he served for one year in the surplus property division of the United States Army. He then became sales manager for the Nickel Fabricating Company, of Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania, remaining with that concern for three years, at the end of which time the company was absorbed by the Monde Nickel Company, of England. He then went to St. Louis, Missouri, as manager of both the Claridge Hotel and the City Club. After two years, or in 1925, he opened the President Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. He took the contract to open the Belcrest Hotel in Detroit, Michigan, and on November 1, 1926, came to Peoria to open the Hotel Pere Marquette. He thus made the very unusual record of opening three hotels in one year. He has remained at the head of the Hotel Pere Marquette to the present time and has made of this not only one of the most popular hostelries in the west but also one of the outstanding hotels of the country, and has enjoyed a phenomenal success, so much so, that on November 1, 1929, work was started on an addition of one hundred and fifty rooms, thus giving the

hotel more than five hundred guest rooms, making it the largest hotel in the state outside of Chicago.

On December 3, 1920, in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Gregory was united in marriage to Miss Mary Frances Babcock, a native of Omaha, Nebraska, and a daughter of William Scott and Lisle (Swan) Babcock, of that city. Mrs. Gregory is a graduate of the Omaha high school and received a thorough musical education in Chicago. Mr. Gregory is a republican in politics and he and his wife are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He is both a York and Scottish Rite Mason; and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the North Shore Country Club, the Illinois Valley Yacht Club, the Association of Commerce, is a director of the Convention Bureau of Peoria and a director and vice president of the Illinois Hotel Association. Golf, tennis and fishing are his favorite forms of recreation. Since coming to this city he has made a host of warm friends, while throughout the city his remarkable success as the manager of the Hotel Pere Marquette has gained for him the highest measure of respect for his business ability and accomplishments.

REN L. THURMAN

Ren L. Thurman has been engaged in the practice of law in Peoria for the past fifteen years and has gained a wide reputation for ability and trustworthiness, commanding a large and important clientele. He was born in Burwell, Nebraska, on the 25th of June, 1889, the only child of Charles W. and Mae (Garrison) Thurman. His paternal grandfather, Isaac Thurman, was a native of Illinois and followed farming throughout his life. He came to Illinois in young manhood, was married here, and lived to the age of eighty-five years. To him and his wife were born fourteen children. Charles W. Thurman was born in Maquon, Illinois, July 17, 1866, and was the third in order of birth in his parents' family. As a young man he followed farming near Burwell, Nebraska, but came to Illinois in 1893 and engaged in the real estate business, also conducted a drug store and engaged in other business enterprises at various times. In 1887

he married Miss Mae Garrison, who was born April 13, 1866, near Laura, Illinois, where she was reared to womanhood. She was a daughter of Lemuel and Isabelle Garrison, who were the parents of five children.

Ren L. Thurman received his early education in the public schools of London Mills, Illinois, graduating from high school in 1906, and from Lombard College, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1910. He then entered the Chicago Law School, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1912. In December of that year he was admitted to the bar of Missouri and entered upon the practice of his profession at Kansas City with the law firm of Ellis & Yale. In June, 1914, he returned to Illinois, was admitted to the bar, and engaged in practice at Peoria with the firm of Stevens, Miller & Elliott, with offices in the Central National Bank building. A year later, owing to impaired health, he relinquished his practice and spent six months on a farm near Fairview, Illinois. In 1916 he returned to Peoria and became a partner in the law firm of McGrath, Thurman & Daily, his partners being Shelton F. McGrath and Joseph E. Daily. Later Mr. Daily retired from the firm, the style of which was McGrath & Thurman until 1920. In December of that year Mr. Thurman was appointed assistant state's attorney under Ernest Galbraith, continuing in that office until December, 1924, and on January 1, 1925, he established his present office in the Peoria Life Insurance building. He is a learned and capable lawyer, sound and safe as a counselor and strong and resourceful as a trial lawyer, so that he has gained many clients and is regarded as one of the leading members of the local bar.

On November 13, 1925, Mr. Thurman was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Kinross, a native of Peoria, and they are the parents of one child, Renna, born March 25, 1930. He has two children by a former marriage, Merriabel, born February 7, 1917, and Jean, born October 2, 1918. Mr. Thurman is a member of Peoria Lodge, B. P. O. E., as well as various local organizations of a civic nature, and belongs to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity of Lombard College and the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity of the University of Chicago. He and his family are members of the Universalist Church, of which he is a trustee. He is the scion of

patriotic stock, both of his grandfathers having been soldiers in the Union Army during the Civil war. He is a man of high civic ideals, and adheres closely to the noblest traditions of his profession, and commands the respect of his fellowmen. He belongs to the Peoria County Bar Association.

PETER WILLIAM SOMMER

There is perhaps no record in Illinois where family cooperation has been so thoroughly the basis of notable success in the building up of a mammoth enterprise as in the Sommer family, founders and promoters of the Keystone Steel & Wire Company. In this connection Peter William Sommer bore his full part, as with his father, Peter Sommer, he aided in the early work of developing the first wire fence which they produced, although he was at the time but a young lad. From that point forward he took active and prominent part in furthering an enterprise which became one of the chief productive industries of the state, and he was not only a man of notably sound judgment and keen insight into every feature of the business but he had, too, that genial, kindly nature which prevented him from ever regarding his employes as mere machines in the operation of a mammoth plant. Interested in their welfare and kindly in his treatment of them, he had their thorough cooperation, their high respect and unfaltering loyalty.

Peter W. Sommer was born in Fairbury, Livingston county, Illinois, September 10, 1869, a son of Peter and Mary (Breisacher) Sommer. His early youthful days were spent upon his father's farm with the usual experiences of the farm-bred lad. His father, owing to successive crop failures resulting from wet weather at a time when the use of drain tile was unknown, had much difficulty in making both ends meet for a time and the boy learned the value and virtue of work, also learned obedience to those in authority and developed characteristics which made him an outstanding man of his community. The prairies of Illinois did not afford a great amount of timber and there was long felt a demand for fencing material, as it was difficult to secure



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an adequate supply of rails, then used in fencing. It was this that led the father and his sons to ponder the question of producing a wire fencing and in course of time their study and experiments resulted in the production of what is known as the Keystone twist. Neighboring farmers recognized its value and placed orders with them. The story of the development of the enterprise is given in connection with the sketch of B. L. Sommer on another page of this work. Their manufacture of the product was continued successfully, leading to the organization of the Keystone Steel & Wire Company of Peoria in 1907. Charles W. LaPorte, on the occasion of the unveiling of a tablet in memory of Peter and Peter W. Sommer, speaking of the latter said: "His honesty of purpose with words or with men you could never question—so much so, that his motto could have been expressed in the words of Van Dyke: 'Help me to deal very honestly with words and with people, for they are both alive. Show me that as in a river, so in a writing, clearness is the best quality, and a little that is pure is worth more than much that is mixed.' To 'P. W.' and his brother John much credit is due for their untiring help and the encouragement they gave to the early efforts of the father to build a practical farm fence, which resulted in the splendid testimonial of brick and mortar, throbbing machines and hundreds of employed men and women surrounding us today. The administrative work fell to the lot of 'P. W.' and John managed the shop work, until the continued growth of the business required other minds and more diversified efforts and from time to time came into the business others of the family of Peter Sommer—Joe, B. L. and W. H. . . . It was during these latter years from 1893 that I knew 'P. W.' best and these were also his most productive years. No one knew him or was associated with him but loved and respected him. Friendship and charity were the two great qualities by which he was known to his friends, and he was generous to a fault. There are those here today who could testify to his great friendship and generousness and who would say, if asked, that in their greatest hour of need 'P. W.' was their best friend. My attention was called the other day to a blotter issued by the company several years ago, on which was printed 'A Plea' by 'P. W.' for fairness and sympathy in our daily associations

and as it expresses in a large measure those qualities which he had I hand it on to you. 'Wherever men are associated together in their endeavors for the advancement of a common cause, whatever it may be, there is always opportunity for growth of those human virtues which carry life to a higher plane, and, alas, for the development of those human frailties which spring up like weeds in a fair garden of flowers or fall like a blight on the joy of life. This is a plea for fairness and sympathy in all affairs of our daily lives. If we had a multitude of square stones piled up in the form of a beautiful building, it would be nothing more than a dangerous pile of stones. If, however, each stone is carefully embedded in mortar, the dangerous pile is transformed into a permanent and useful building, a monument to the builder, and what is far more important, it becomes a comfort and a joy to our fellowmen. These square blocks of stone represent fairness in our relation to each other, and sympathy is the mortar which builds the multitude of stones into a solid building. It is that rare virtue which compensates for our imperfections; it crowns our lives with success and makes us a joy to our fellowmen. He who is not fair is a big failure. He who is fair and unsympathetic is not a success. He who combines these two virtues in their proper proportions is a true builder, a joy to others—a success. Be fair and be sympathetic.' "

On the 5th of November, 1893, in Tremont, Illinois, Peter W. Sommer was married to Miss Elizabeth Getz, a daughter of Henry and Hannah (Wenger) Getz. Her father, who was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, came to the United States at the age of eighteen years and made his way to Peoria on the first Rock Island train into the city. For two years following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Sommer remained in Tremont and then removed to Peoria in 1895, at which time the business was there established. They became the parents of eight children: Mary Hannah, now Mrs. William C. Erkert; Henry Getz; Reuben Edward; Verna Lillian, who is deceased; Mark Alvin; Emily Hazel; Ruth Elizabeth, who has passed away; and Helen. The surviving members of the family reside in Peoria. The sons have all followed in the family footsteps and hold executive positions with the Keystone Steel & Wire Company, Henry G. being vice presi-

dent and treasurer and Reuben E. vice president in charge of sales.

In his political views Mr. Sommer was a republican but never took active part in politics, his interest centering in his family and his business. He was, however, a member of the Creve Coeur Club. His splendid Christian character as a devout member of the Apostolic Christian Church was recognized by all. He took very active part in the church work, serving as its elder, and was also an untiring worker in the Sunday school. He passed away in that faith April 7, 1924, and while nothing can measure the loss to wife and children, it is safe to say that few employers have ever been missed so greatly by those in their service as has P. W. Sommer. The narrow and petty things of life seemed not to touch him. He had a broad sympathy for all mankind and a hand ever down-reaching to uplift those with whom he came in contact. He found keen pleasure in helping others and keen joy in his association with his fellowmen, and throughout his entire career, by his kindly spirit and genial nature, he shed around him much of the sunshine of life.

WILLIAM A. POTTS

William A. Potts, who has been engaged in the practice of law in the city of Pekin for nearly four decades, is one of the oldest lawyers in Tazewell county in point of years and professional service, and no member of this bar commands greater respect professionally nor stands higher in public esteem.

He was born on a farm in Christian county, November 17, 1867, and is a son of George D. and Lenora (Langley) Potts. The Potts family has long been established in this country, having settled in Pennsylvania in a very early day, and many of the name are still to be found in that state. Some of the Potts families moved from Pennsylvania to Kentucky and the paternal grandfather, Joel Potts, who was a lifelong farmer, came from the latter state to Illinois, settling in Morgan county, later moving and establishing a permanent home in Christian county where he lived until his death. George D. Potts also devoted his

life to agricultural pursuits in Christian county, where he was born July 17, 1845, and lived until his death.

The maternal grandparents removed from Kentucky to Illinois, became pioneer settlers of Christian county, where they pursued the occupation of farming. Mr. Potts' mother was born and reared in Christian county and died there in 1875, when her son, William A., was about eight years of age. To Mr. and Mrs. George D. Potts were born four children: William A., Rufus M., born September 3, 1870; Cyrus A., born January 18, 1873; and Dempster O., born March 15, 1875.

The father, George D. Potts, though a farmer in moderate circumstances, encouraged his sons to procure, and assisted them in procuring, such common school education as was afforded by the country schools in those days. William A., after completing his course, taught school for two years, and, having early determined upon a professional career, commenced the reading of law while teaching school and had finished Blackstone in its entirety before entering an office to complete his education. After he had pursued the study of law independently for a time, following what was then considered a practical method of preparing for the bar, he entered the office of Ricks and Creighton, the senior partner later becoming judge of the supreme court. Mr. Creighton was then state's attorney and gave to Mr. Potts immediate charge of prosecuting misdemeanors and of preliminary hearings, which work qualified him for trial practice generally, and it was here he gained some of that proficiency in trial work which has been so apparent in his successful trial practice through his entire career. He completed the required course of reading, passed the bar examination and was admitted to the bar November 22, 1889.

Mr. Potts' brothers likewise prepared themselves for the practice of the law. Rufus M., early left the farm, taught a country school for two years, and then entered the office of John G. Drennan. He then located at Taylorville, Illinois. After his admission to the bar he was elected county judge of Christian county, which office he filled for one term. He continued the active practice of law until appointed insurance commissioner of Illinois by Governor Dunne and held that office under appointment for four years. He is now engaged in the practice of law in

Chicago. Cyrus A., did not complete his law course. He later took up Christian Science, became an instructor and lecturer and is the author of several books on that subject. The youngest brother, Dempster O., commenced the study of law with his brother, William A., at Pekin, Illinois, finished his course in Kansas and was admitted to the bar in that state. He first located at Atchison, where he practiced for several years, later moving to Wichita, where he now enjoys a very successful practice. He was at one time candidate for governor of Kansas at the democratic primaries and later the democratic nominee for a judgeship of the supreme court of Kansas.

During the time that William A. Potts was engaged in reading law, he held the office of town collector and served as secretary of a building and loan association at Taylorville, gaining valuable experience from these activities and at the same time earning his support.

On January 1, 1890, he entered upon the practice of his profession at Litchfield, Montgomery county, as a partner of ex-Senator Southworth. On July 1, 1891, he came to Pekin, Tazewell county, and here established himself in law practice. In 1900 he was appointed master in chancery of Tazewell county, as successor to the late Hon. T. N. Green, which office he held for four successive terms. He continued in the practice of law uninterruptedly until 1910 when, owing to impaired health, he retired to his farm near Mackinaw, in Tazewell county. Having regained his health he reopened law offices in Pekin and has there been engaged in the practice of his profession ever since. His practice has been a very active one and he has appeared in many important cases in the appellate and supreme courts of this state, as well as in the courts of practically all the counties of central Illinois. It may be truthfully said of Mr. Potts that in the practice of law he has never taken undue or improper advantage of any opposing attorney, and the younger members of his bar have invariably looked to him for counsel and suggestions which have never been denied them.

Mr. Potts has been married twice. First, on September 2, 1892, to Miss Ruth W. Pierce, who was born near Canton, Pennsylvania. Her death occurred September 20, 1905, two children

surviving her, Curran P. and Albert W. The second marriage was on November 1, 1906, to Miss Mary Riefenstahl of Pekin, Illinois, who died June 21, 1924, leaving a daughter, Ruth Louise, and a son, William L. Of the children of Mr. Potts, Curran P. holds a responsible position in the state insurance department of Illinois at Springfield. Albert W. has prepared for the bar, having obtained the degrees of B. S. from Harvard University and J. D. from Northwestern University. He was admitted to the bar in November, 1929, and is now associated with his father in practice as a member of the firm of Potts, Allison and Potts, composed of William A. Potts, Robert H. Allison and Albert W. Potts. The daughter, Ruth Louise, is a stenographer in her father's office and William L., is attending school in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mr. Potts is a member of the Tazewell County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association. Well grounded in the knowledge of the law and the practice, he is a forceful and successful pleader and a safe counselor. He has gained a place in the front rank of his profession, commanding the highest respect on the part of his colleagues and the confidence of the public. His political affiliation has always been with the democratic party and he has served that organization actively. He is a believer in the doctrines of the Christian or Disciples Church, in which he has held membership for many years.

THOMAS REYNOLDS PEARCE, D. D. S.

Dr. Thomas R. Pearce is one of Chillicothe's best known citizens, having for many years conducted a large and successful dental practice, while for the past seven years he has served very capably as postmaster. He was born in Harrisburg, Saline county, Illinois, September 2, 1882, a son of James H. and Ella (Church) Pearce. The father, who was of English and German descent, was born in West Virginia, and died September 9, 1917. At the age of seventeen years he enlisted for the Civil war, serving until the close of that conflict. He was made a lieutenant and was later promoted to a captaincy, with which rank he served

for three years with the Sixth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Cavalry. After the war he returned to Harrisburg, Illinois, and taught school for some years. He was prominent and influential in politics in his county for twenty-five years. He served for sixteen years as county clerk of Saline county, retiring from that office in 1902. The mother, who is of Scotch descent, was born in Harrisburg, Illinois, and is still living there at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Pearce had twelve children, of whom four died in infancy and Joseph R. at the age of fifteen years. Richard N., auditor for the Crane Manufacturing Company in Chicago, married India McIlrath and they have four sons; Anna is the wife of William Van Meter, of Francisco, Indiana, and they are the parents of five children; Thomas R., of this review; Robert Lee, who is with Rosset & Pearce, auditors and accountants in Chicago, married Miss Frances Largent and they have a daughter, Frances Lee; May is the widow of James Cook, who was a coal salesman to the time of his death, October 18, 1929, and she lives in Harrisburg and has a son, Richard; James H., who is engaged in the insurance business with his wife in Peoria, was formerly a dentist in that city, but lost his eyesight and is now connected with the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company; Nellie is the wife of George Frederick, of Harrisburg, Illinois, and they have one child.

Thomas R. Pearce graduated from the Harrisburg high school in 1903 and from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, with the D. D. S. degree in 1912. In that year he began the practice of his profession in Chillicothe, where he is still located. In September, 1923, he was appointed postmaster and is still the incumbent of that office, rendering a service which has won for him the uniform commendation of the patrons of the office. As a dentist he has long been recognized as possessing unusual technical skill and has always been conscientious in attending to the needs of his patients.

On June 14, 1903, Dr. Pearce was united in marriage to Miss Naomi Cannon, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Cannon, both now deceased. Her father, a business man of Harrisburg, was a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Pearce are the parents of three children: James Willard, born March 21,

1904; Thomas R., born December 7, 1914; and Jean Naomi, born December 18, 1916. Dr. Pearce has shown helpful interest in his community, which he has served as a member of the city council and of the school board. He is a member of the Peoria County Dental Society, the Illinois State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. A representative of a high type of citizenship, he well merits the esteem and respect of the people of his community.

HARLOW B. BROWN

Harlow B. Brown has gained an enviable standing in the newspaper fraternity of Illinois because of the commendable record he has made as the owner and publisher of the Bureau County Tribune, at Princeton, which is one of the best edited and most influential papers in this section of the state. Mr. Brown was born in Stark county, Illinois, March 15, 1888, and is a son of William A. and Martha (Wixel) Brown, the former born in Baltimore, Maryland, and the latter in La Fayette, Ogle county, Illinois. The Brown family, the record of which in this country runs back to colonial days, is of English origin, though of Scotch-Irish descent. For a number of years his father engaged in farming in Stark county and later moved with his family to Kewanee, Henry county, this state, where he lived for many years. He followed the work of a stationary engineer, and about a year before his death, which occurred in April, 1925, retired from active business. The mother passed away in August, 1923. To William A. and Martha Brown were born four children, Ethel, Harlow B., John B. and Mary Ellen. One of William A. Brown's brothers, Zachariah T. Brown, was a veteran of the Civil war, and died at Peoria, Illinois, in November, 1929, at the age of eighty-five years.

Harlow B. Brown attended the public schools, graduating from the Kewanee high school in 1906, after which he worked three years for the Kewanee Star-Courier. When twenty-one years of age he entered the University of Wisconsin, from which he was graduated in 1913. He was then for about a year on the

editorial staff of the System Magazine, of Chicago, and for the same length of time was editor and manager of the Dixon (Ill.) Daily Leader. He became managing editor of the Star-Courier, at Kewanee, which position he held until April, 1918, when he bought the Bureau County Tribune, of Princeton, of which he has since been the sole owner and editor. This paper was established in 1872 by E. K. Mercer, is printed in a modern and well equipped plant, is issued every Thursday, having a weekly circulation of five thousand three hundred, covering practically the entire county, and is an independent democrat in its political attitude. By persistent and rightly directed efforts Mr. Brown has built up the Tribune from a small unimportant sheet to one of the best newspaper properties in Illinois.

In September, 1913, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Christine Nielson, of Madison, Wisconsin, whom he met during his college days. She is a daughter of Andrew C. and Mary (Baker) Nielson, both of whom are living, as are their five children, of whom Christine is the fourth in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have two children, Stanley Blair, born July 7, 1914, and Harlow Austin, born August 22, 1917. Mr. Brown is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Rotary Club, the Commercial Club, of which he was formerly secretary, and the Bureau County Country Club. He is an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and is very active in civic affairs, being a member of the school board and standing for everything which will promote the commercial, civic and moral interests of the city or county.

JOHN A. NELSON

In the field of business education John A. Nelson occupies an outstanding position as owner and director of the Dickinson Secretarial School in Peoria, which institution has long held a leading place among the schools of its kind in this section of the country. Mr. Nelson was born at Taylorville, Illinois, on the 30th of March, 1890, and is a son of John E. and Christina

(Anderson) Nelson, both natives of Stockholm, Sweden. The father came alone to this country in young manhood and located in Taylorville, Illinois, where he was employed in a general store for some years. He then turned his attention to farming, which he followed to the time of his death, in 1904. Arriving in America, Christina Anderson came direct to Taylorville, where she joined her sister and there lived until her marriage to Mr. Nelson in 1866. To them were born eight children: Emma, who died at the age of twelve years; Edward, who died at the age of seventeen; Ida, the wife of Morgan Jones of Taylorville; Clara A., of Taylorville; Carl, a farmer at Athelstane, Wisconsin, who married Miss Lola Walcher and they have three children, Leona, Wayne and Lois Mae; Eva, the wife of Melle Tex, a farmer at Moosehead, Minnesota; Henry, a grocer of Taylorville, who married Miss Margaret Waddell, and they have three children, Christina, Illene and William; and John A.

John A. Nelson attended the public and high schools of Taylorville and the State Normal School at Charleston. He then took up teaching, which profession he followed for seven and a half years in Christian county, Illinois. On September 17, 1917, he enlisted for service in the World war and went into training at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Michigan, where he attended an officers training school. He was honorably discharged from the service there March 11, 1918. On April 1, 1926, he bought a half interest in the Dickinson Secretarial School, which was originally known as the Dickinson Business College, and was established by Mrs. Celeste Brederman, who is now deceased. She conducted the Peoria school for two and a half years, and on March 1, 1926, sold a half interest to Mr. Nelson, who became the sole owner on April 1, 1928. On July 1, 1928, he moved the school from 125 North Jefferson street to its present location at 521 Main street, where it occupies an entire floor. Its appointments are thoroughly modern. There is a large enrollment from Illinois and adjacent states and its graduates have attained places of trust and responsibility in the business world. The school is in session throughout the year and gives free review service at all times, as well as individual instruction.

On August 8, 1929, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to

Myrtle May Schoenwise who was born at Buckland, Missouri. Mr. Nelson is a member of Peoria Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Council, No. 11, R. & S. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Lodge, I. O. O. F.; the Knights of the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of America, while he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star. He is also a member of the Peoria Advertising & Selling Club, and is a member and ardent supporter of the Young Men's Christian Association. He plays golf and is particularly fond of fishing and hunting as a means of recreation. He is doing good work in his school, in which he maintains the highest standard of efficiency, and is meeting with marked success as he is the only pioneer in this section who is embodying the new methods in business training. His students are able to complete their business courses in from one half to one third the time usually required.

C. E. SNIVELY

C. E. Snively has served as postmaster at Canton for the past nine years and has long been one of this city's most active and conspicuous business men, having engaged in newspaper publication here for a half century. He was born at Ellisville, Fulton county, Illinois, on the 4th of July, 1854, and is a son of Naaman and Almeda (Dunning) Snively, both of whom were natives of Ohio. In young boyhood Naaman Snively came to Illinois with his father, Henry Snively, who was a merchant and pork packer and one of the pioneers of Fulton county. Naaman Snively was a saddler and harnessmaker in the days when that calling was an important business. He died in 1865, and was long survived by his widow, who lived to be ninety years of age.

C. E. Snively received a somewhat limited education in the public schools. At the age of ten years he entered the office of the Rushville (Ill.) Times, owned by one of his uncles, and there learned the printing trade. He worked for five years without pay other than his board, the last year however, being spent in the office of the Tazewell County Register at Pekin. He followed

the printing trade throughout his young manhood and in 1877 came to Canton. One year later he bought the Canton Register, which he published for forty-eight years, selling it in 1926 to U. G. Orendorff, who merged it with the Canton Ledger. During his ownership of the Register Mr. Snively, in 1890, established the Daily Register, which was the first daily paper in Canton. As a newspaper man he was a militant fighter for the city and its best interests. At one time, in a vigorous fight for a political cleanup of the city, he furnished the ministers of Canton with information on which to base their talks on the city from their pulpits and enlisted their aid in his campaign. This aroused the ire of the mayor of the city, who brought suit for libel against Mr. Snively. The latter retained ex-Governor Fifer as one of his attorneys and won the suit, the vote of the jurors being unanimously in his favor on the first ballot.

In 1873 Mr. Snively was united in marriage to Miss Celia R. Young, of Pekin, Illinois, and to them have been born eight children, namely: C. E., Jr., of Los Angeles, California; Elizabeth, the wife of H. C. Bogue, of Galesburg, Illinois; Ray, the wife of Dr. Ziegler, of Canton; Earl, of Canton; Jane, the wife of Lee Harris, the publisher of the Henderson Gleaner and Henderson Journal, of Henderson, Kentucky; Ethan A., a teacher in the public schools of Canton, who served two years in the World war, being overseas and with the Army of Occupation in Germany; Dorothy, at home; and Donald, who died in 1927.

Politically Mr. Snively has always given his wholehearted support to the republican party and has been a delegate to four republican national conventions. In 1888 he was a delegate to every republican convention held, county, congressional, state and national. He was secretary of the Illinois delegation to the national convention of 1888, and was an alternate delegate to the convention which nominated James G. Blaine. His first political office was that of state canal commissioner, to which he was appointed by Governor Fifer. He was appointed president of the canal board by Governor Tanner, serving through the administrations of Governors Tanner and Yates and part of that of Governor Deneen, resigning during the latter's second term. In 1922 he was appointed postmaster of Canton by President Harding

and in 1926 was reappointed by President Coolidge. He has always been a loyal citizen, standing consistently for the best interests of city and county, and his record of public service and his unselfish efforts for the advancement of the community have gained for him the appreciation and esteem of his fellowmen.

ARNOLD R. SALZENSTEIN

Arnold R. Salzenstein is president of one of the leading industries of Peoria, the Chic Manufacturing Company. This concern has made remarkable progress and now has one of the three largest plants of its kind in the world. Mr. Salzenstein was born in Peoria, May 20, 1894, a son of Solomon C. and Ann (Schradzki) Salzenstein. The father was born at Athens, Illinois, on the 27th of August, 1869, and died in Peoria, August 14, 1927. For many years he successfully engaged in the retail clothing business in Peoria. He was a democrat in his political faith and was a member of the Reformed Jewish congregation. His wife was born in Peoria, Illinois, December 29, 1873, and is still a resident of this city.

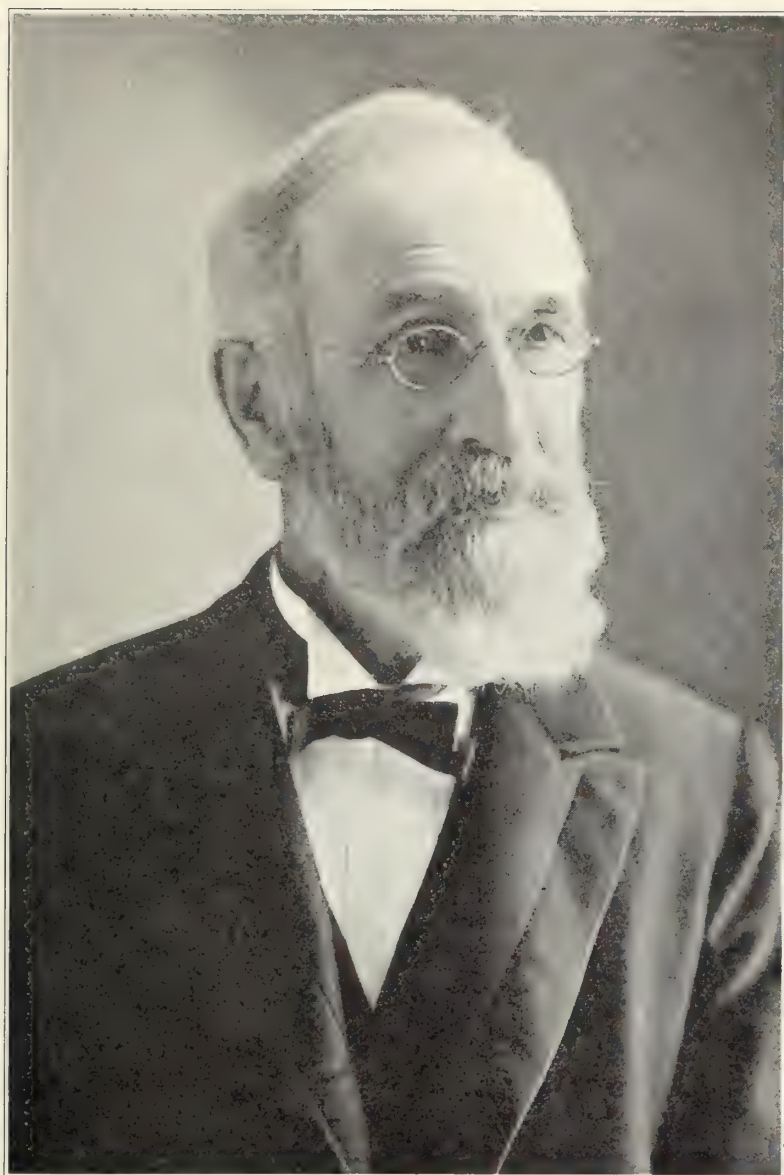
Arnold R. Salzenstein graduated from the Peoria high school in 1908 and from the Bradley Polytechnic Institute in 1912. He then became a traveling salesman for the Chic Manufacturing Company, which his father had organized a year previously, and held that position until the fall of 1917, when he enlisted in the army and went into training at Camp Jacksonville, Florida, after which he embarked for France. He was overseas two years and two months, serving with the Three Hundred and Second Tank Corps of the regular Eighth Division. He saw active service in the Meuse-Argonne offensive and was with the Army of Occupation five months after the Armistice was signed. He was honorably discharged from the service at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, with the rank of sergeant. He then resumed his position as a traveling salesman for the Chic Manufacturing Company, which relation he sustained until January 1, 1927. He then purchased his uncle's interest in the business and reorganized the company, of which he became and is still president. This com-

pany is engaged in the manufacture of ladies' aprons and house dresses, of which the production is approximately fifteen thousand dozen a month. The building which the company occupies was erected in 1914, is of brick construction, and has nearly forty-four thousand square feet of floor space.

On November 26, 1920, in Peoria, Illinois, Mr. Salzenstein was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Lehmann, a native of this city and a daughter of Samuel and Minnie (Jacobs) Lehmann, of Denver, Colorado. She is a graduate of the high school of Denver, Colorado, and the Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria, and is a member of the Peoria Women's Club and other women's organizations. Mr. Salzenstein is independent in politics, preferring to vote in accordance with his judgment as to men and measures, regardless of party lines. He belongs to Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and his name is on the membership rolls of the Creve Coeur Club, the North Shore Country Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Illinois Valley Yacht Club, and the Standard Club of Chicago. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Jewish congregation. He is an alert and progressive business man, whose success is largely due to his enterprising methods and sound principles, so that he is well established in the confidence of the trade.

ROSWELL W. DEWEY

Canton was honored by the citizenship and activities of the late Roswell W. Dewey, whose death occurred at his home, 218 North Main street, on September 26, 1910, in his eighty-seventh year. He embodied to an unusual degree all the essential elements of good citizenship and the personal qualities which are most esteemed in men—loyalty to friendship, tenderness of heart, fidelity to principle, sincerity of character, courtesy and consideration for others—a culture not bred in schools or bought in institutions of learning, but essentially characteristic of a real man. Though modest in manner, his life as a business man, citizen and friend was at all times an inspiration to those who came into



ROSWELL W. DEWEY

contact with him. No community can afford to lose men like Mr. Dewey, for their lives are the practical influence for good.

Mr. Dewey was born in Hanover, Grafton county, New Hampshire, on the 5th of January, 1824, and was a son of Oliver and Jemima (Wright) Dewey. He came of an old established American family, the progenitor in this country, Thomas Dewey, having come from Sandwich, Kent, England, in 1633, with a company of Puritans, who landed at Dorchester, Massachusetts. He was of sturdy Puritan stock and traced his lineage to Charlemagne, and to Saire de Quincy, who was a signer of the Magna Charta. Thomas Dewey became the father of Josiah Dewey, whose wife was Hepzibah Lyman. He was born in 1641 and died in 1731; his son, Josiah, Jr., was born in Massachusetts in 1666. He married Mehitable Miller and they became the parents of a son William. The latter married Mercy Bailey in 1716 and to them in 1718, was born a son, Simeon, who married Anna Phelps. Their son William, who was born in 1746, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and fought in the battle of Lexington. He married Rebecca Carrier and they became the parents of Oliver, the father of Roswell W. Dewey. Oliver had a brother Simeon who was born in 1770 and who was the grandfather of Admiral George Dewey, the hero of Manila. Oliver Dewey was born in New Hampshire, September 26, 1782, and lived in New England until 1832, when he migrated to Illinois, making the journey by way of the Erie canal, the Ohio river and the Illinois river to the mouth of Spoon river, opposite Havana. He followed farming until about 1840, when he moved to Canton, Illinois, where he followed his trade of cabinetmaking. He was a very proficient and painstaking workman and some pieces of fine old furniture made by him are still to be found in Canton. He possessed a genial disposition and had many friends. He was one of the first settlers of Canton, was a useful citizen and was held in high esteem. His death occurred August 3, 1871. On March 10, 1814, Mr. Dewey married Miss Jemima Wright, who was born April 5, 1787, and died October 23, 1862.

Roswell W. Dewey lived on the home farm until about fifteen years of age, when the family moved into Canton. There he attended the public school and it was the purpose of his parents to

give him a thorough education. However, the young man started to work as a clerk in the general store of his uncle, Joel Wright, during his spare time and vacation periods. In 1849 he engaged in business in partnership with his brother, C. C. Dewey, which association was continued until 1870, when he retired from business for a few years. In October, 1874, he again entered business at Canton with his son Alfred W. The Dewey store was one of the first in Canton and has been in existence through three generations, an unusual record of continuous commercial activity. The original building has been moved, but is still standing in this city. Mr. Dewey remained in business to within a few years of his death. His remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery, at Canton.

On May 9, 1849, Mr. Dewey married Miss Sarah E. Shinn, a daughter of Isaac and Maria (Shinn) Shinn, who were distantly related and were of an old and prominent American family that was established in this country by John Shinn, who came from England in 1678 and was a Quaker in his religious faith. He became the father of James Shinn, who died in 1751, and whose son Joseph was born in New Jersey in 1702. The latter married and became the father of a son Benjamin, who served as an Indian scout in the Revolutionary war. The latter's son, Samuel was the father of Isaac Shinn, who was born at Shinnston, Virginia, January 3, 1793, and in 1830 came to Illinois, settling at Canton, where he became a successful farmer. His daughter Sarah E., was born in Indiana, January 8, 1830, while the family was on the way to Illinois. When Isaac Shinn arrived in Canton he found but three houses here, so that he was rightfully regarded as one of the very first settlers of this place. Sarah E. Shinn received a public school education. She became a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was devoted to her home and family, and, though somewhat reserved in manner, was genial and kindly.

Roswell W. and Sarah E. (Shinn) Dewey were the parents of five children. (1) Alfred W., born February 3, 1850, was married, October 2, 1879, to Miss Sophia Bell, and they became the parents of two children: Clarice, born August 7, 1889, the wife of H. M. Swift, of Miami, Florida, and they have a daughter,

Mary Margaret, born December 18, 1919; and Robert, who was born May 30, 1894, graduated from the Canton high school, attended Knox College two years and graduated from Carleton College of Northfield, Minnesota. He is a veteran of the world war, in which he served in France as a member of the Fifty-sixth Infantry Regiment of the Seventh Division. (2) Maria J., the second child of Roswell Dewey, was born March 20, 1852, and died July 26, 1927. She was a devoted member of the Congregational Church. (3) Francis Herbert, born January 30, 1854, was married, August 13, 1884, to Miss Martha Walker, and they are the parents of four children, Alfred H., Donald W., Cedric R., and Lucile S. Alfred is married and his children are: Kathryn D., now Mrs. Glenn Griffith, born February 3, 1909; Helen E., born November 4, 1914; Mary Frances, born April 11, 1916; John H., born January 3, 1920; and Edward Arthur, born December 15, 1921. (4) Mary Addie, fourth of the family, was born June 7, 1856, received a high school education and has always been fond of reading and study. She is a member of the Woman's Club, the Altruistic Club, the Country Club and the Dinner Club. She is an accomplished vocal and instrumental musician, and is very active socially in Canton. She belongs to the Congregational Church and is very fond of travel, having visited most of the states of the Union and much of Europe. (5) Harriet V., born on February 24, 1860, is also prominent in local affairs, being identified with the same church and clubs as her sister Mary Addie. They still reside at the old family home, at 218 North Main street, and are the owners of the city and farm property acquired by their father.

Roswell W. Dewey, who was one of the best loved men in Canton, was noted for his generous disposition, an evidence of which was the fact that during the Civil war he gave store credit to many soldiers' families. Many of these bills were never paid, nor did Mr. Dewey ever attempt to collect them. Though small of stature, he was large of heart. He was a hard worker and was very thorough in his business methods and dealings. He was genial in disposition, loved a good, clean story and the companionship of his friends. Though never affiliated with a church, he was a reverent, God-fearing man. He was progressive, giving

his whole-hearted support to every worthy benevolent or civic cause, and was a staunch republican in his political views, but never sought public office. His hobby was travel and he visited every state in the Union and was familiar with the most important sights of the country. He was a broad reader, possessed a good library, and loved his home and the companionship of his family. He was successful in his material affairs, having accumulated a competency, consisting of both farm and city property, and loved to visit his farms and watch the crops grow. His integrity was never questioned and he long stood as an exemplar of the best type of American citizenship.

EUGENE R. JOHNSON

Able, painstaking and conscientious in practice, Eugene R. Johnson, one of the younger members of the Peoria bar, who is associated with the law firm of Miller, Elliott & Westervelt, has made a splendid record as a practitioner. He was born in Moline, Rock Island county, Illinois, on the 3d of September, 1899, and is a son of Emerick and Alma (Anderson) Johnson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. They were acquainted in their native land, but were married in Moline, Illinois. The father was for forty years a traveling salesman, and still resides in Moline. To him and his wife were born three children, namely: Evan; Alice, the wife of Alfred Waffle, a musician of Moline; and Eugene R.

Having acquired his early education in the public and high schools of his native city, graduating from high school in 1918, Eugene R. Johnson then entered the law department of Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1921. In the following year he was admitted to the bar and entered upon the practice of his profession with the firm of Covey, Campbell & Covey, with whom he was associated until 1923, when he came to his present office, at 1400 Peoria Life Insurance building. He is a member of Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Peoria; the Phi

Gamma Delta, of Illinois Wesleyan University; the Phi Delta Phi law fraternity and the University Club of Peoria. He is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted in 1918, and was honorably discharged in 1919. He possesses a strong personality, easily wins friends and is greatly esteemed throughout the range of his acquaintance.

WILLIAM W. HITCHCOCK

William W. Hitchcock, of Peoria, has achieved noteworthy success as the promoter of the Hitchcock Sprinkler and Heating Company, one of the leading concerns in its line in this section of the country. He was born at Virginia, Cass county, Illinois, on the 24th of September, 1874, a son of William W., Sr., and Mary Joan (Stribling) Hitchcock, the latter a native of Virginia, Illinois, who died October 19, 1912. The father died in August, 1874, a few weeks prior to the birth of his son William W. He had followed farming throughout his active life. At the age of nineteen years he organized Company G, Thirty-second Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, at Beardstown, Cass county, was made first lieutenant and, later, captain of this company, which he commanded through the four years of the Civil war. To him and his wife were born three children. Milton S., born in Cass county, was for many years identified with his brother William W. in the heating and plumbing business, but is now retired. He married Miss Myrtle Maloney, of Kansas City, Missouri, and they have four children, William Franklin, Joseph P., Arnold and Myrtle S. Margaret died in El Paso, Texas.

William W. Hitchcock received his educational training in the public and high schools of Virginia, Illinois, and in 1902 engaged in his present business, which has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth and in June, 1929, was moved into a fine new building at 813-15 South Washington street, Peoria.

On November 1, 1897, Mr. Hitchcock was united in marriage to Miss Hattie Lillian Horseman, who was born in Mason county, Illinois, and is a daughter of John R. and Eva L. (McGhee) Horseman. Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock are the parents of a daughter,

Margaret Lorraine, born September 2, 1908, and now a student in an art school in Chicago.

Mr. Hitchcock is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, through a maternal ancestor, and is also eligible to this distinction on his father's side, members of both families having fought in the war for independence. His paternal grandfather was a lumber merchant in Beardstown, Illinois, for many years and a prominent and influential man in his community, while the maternal grandfather was an extensive farmer and cattle raiser. Mr. Hitchcock is a member of Peoria Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Peoria; the Creve Coeur Club; the Rotary Club; and the Peoria Country Club. The family are members of the Arcadia Presbyterian Church. Mr. Hitchcock has devoted his attention closely to his business interests, in which he has met with substantial success, and as an enterprising and progressive citizen, he supports all projects for the public good.

CHARLES E. THOMPSON

Charles E. Thompson is well known in insurance circles of Peoria, because of his excellent record as a representative of the Travelers Insurance Company and his position as secretary of the Insurance Underwriters Association of Peoria. Born at McPherson, Kansas, on the 14th of April, 1896, he is a son of Edward K. and Mary (Holmes) Thompson, both of whom were of English descent. Edward K. Thompson was born in Whitehall, Michigan, and was the first boy to graduate from the high school at that place, his two fellow graduates being girls. Later he graduated from Rush Medical College, Chicago, practiced medicine and surgery for many years in McPherson, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, and for a long period he was at the head of the surgical department of the Hahnemann Medical College, at Kansas City. He was a prominent member of the Masonic order and was a past commander of the Knights Templar Commandery at McPherson. His death occurred in Kansas City in 1906. Mary

(Holmes) Thompson was born in Natrona, Mason county, Illinois, and was married in Delavan, Tazewell county, Illinois. Her family was established in this country in colonial times and some of its members were in the war of the Revolution. Charles Holmes was a drum major in the English Army, but became dissatisfied and, swimming the Delaware river one night, joined the American Army. He had a narrow escape, having been shot at by colonials while swimming the river. Mary Holmes Thompson was a noted musician and took the leading part in the annual rendition of the "Messiah" at Lindsburg, Kansas. For a number of years she was head of the voice department of the Peoria Musical College, and when that institution was merged with the Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria, she remained with the latter institution until her health failed.

Charles E. Thompson, who is an only child, received his early education in the public and high schools of Delavan, Illinois, to which place the mother had moved after the death of the father, in 1906. He also took a course in a business college and then entered the insurance business, with the Home Life Insurance Company of New York. He was with that company for eight years and in 1924 became identified with the Travelers Insurance Company, of Peoria, for which he now has the local agency, which he has handled in a very successful manner. Since February 19, 1916, he has also been identified with life underwriters' work, having been one of the early members of the Peoria Underwriters' Association, now numbering one hundred and fifty-four members, and has served as its secretary for the past five years.

On June 1, 1922, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Edna R. Pearson, a native of Delavan, Illinois, and a daughter of Nels A. and Luella Pearson, who are still living at Delavan and who had three children: Howard N., of San Antonio, Texas; Bernice, the wife of Leslie Vanhilsen, of Delavan; and Edna R. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson had a son who died in infancy, and a daughter, Joanne, born on August 13, 1923. Mrs. Thompson is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, is active in the work of the Second Presbyterian Church, being vice president of the Westminster Guild, and is a leader in Girl Scout work. Mr. Thompson is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., at

Peoria; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and the Arab Patrol. He also belongs to the Creve Coeur Club. He is an accomplished musician and is greatly interested in the musical affairs of his community. He organized a string band, which he has conducted for seven years, consisting of banjos and violin. This is a very popular organization, having played for many Masonic affairs and other entertainments, as well as for radio broadcasting. Mr. Thompson is a man of fine personality and has won a large circle of friends, who esteem him for his genuine worth as a business man and citizen.

HON. HOBART S. BOYD

One of Lewistown's most distinguished citizens is Hobart S. Boyd, who has been engaged in the practice of law in this place for thirty years and is also president of the Lewistown National Bank. He was born here on the 17th of October, 1876, and is a son of Thomas A. and Laura (James) Boyd, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. Thomas A. Boyd was born in 1830 and in young manhood came to Illinois, locating first in Galesburg and later removing to Lewistown. Here he attained eminence as a lawyer and jurist and was accorded high political honors. He was a member of the Illinois state senate when the University of Illinois was located at Champaign, and he represented the old ninth district in congress for two terms, 1872-1876, declining a third nomination, which was offered him. Later he was elected county judge of Fulton county, which office he held until late in life. He died in 1898, at the age of sixty-eight years. To him and his wife were born eight children, two of whom died in infancy, and four are now living, namely: J. W., of Lewistown; Mary C., the widow of Edward C. Miles, formerly of Lewistown; Lawrence J., postmaster of Lewistown; and Hobart S.

Hobart S. Boyd attended the public schools of Lewistown, graduating from high school in 1893. He graduated from the law school of the University of Illinois in 1900, was at once ad-

mitted to the bar and in that same year entered upon the practice of his profession in Lewistown. His ability received recognition from the start and he was soon in command of a good practice. He served as master in chancery from 1907 to 1909, and in 1910 was elected to the bench of the county court, in which capacity he served for twelve years. He was a good judge, able, fair and impartial, and remarkably few of his decisions were ever reversed by the higher courts. Judge Boyd is president of the Lewistown National Bank, in which capacity he holds a place of large influence in the community, and during his active career here he has stood for those things which have typified the best life and the highest aspirations of the community.

On February 5, 1907, Judge Boyd was united in marriage to Miss Anna Elizabeth Walker, a daughter of Robert K. and Mary (Harris) Walker and a granddaughter of Major Newton Walker, a distinguished citizen of Illinois. To them have been born three children: Robert W., who is a student in the University of Illinois; and Hobart L. and Margaret Louise, both in high school. In his political views Judge Boyd is a republican, and fraternally is a member of Lewistown Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Peoria, and Lewistown Lodge, K. P. He also belongs to the Lewistown Kiwanis Club, and his religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee.

PHILIP ZELL HORTON

One of the competent, experienced and reliable civil engineers in the upper Illinois River Valley is Philip Z. Horton, who was born in Peoria, Illinois, on the 24th of October, 1885, the only child of Madison C. and Katherine (Zell) Horton, the former of Welsh descent and the latter of German ancestry. The paternal grandfather, who settled in New Hampshire, had three sons, Madison C., John and Arthur, and a daughter, Anne. Of these, Madison C., who was born in Hinsdale, New Hampshire, in 1850, was the only one to come west. Settling at Peoria, he was for six years connected with Day Brothers' dry goods store and for

twenty years was identified with the Savings Bank of Peoria, after which he retired from active business. He died in June, 1926. His wife, who was a native of Peoria and died in 1918, was a daughter of Philip Zell, for many years a banker and also engaged in the distilling business. She was one of four children, Elizabeth, Katherine, Edith and George, all of whom are deceased excepting Edith, who is the wife of William Mysell, of San Francisco, California, and the mother of a daughter, Virginia. Elizabeth became the wife of William H. Rich, of Peoria, and both are deceased. Their daughter Annie is the wife of Howard O. Pierce, now of Detroit.

Philip Z. Horton attended the public schools of Peoria and the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, graduating from the latter in 1905. He then entered Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York, and was graduated with the degree of Civil Engineer in 1910. His first work was on the Little Kanawha river, in West Virginia, with headquarters at Parkersburg, where he was connected with the United States engineers' office from 1910 to 1913. He then went to southeastern Missouri, where he was engaged in the installation of a sewer system and water works for one year. In 1914 he came to Peoria and established an office at 401 Central National Bank building, under the firm name of Terhune & Horton, his partner being a native of Newark, New Jersey, who was killed in action in France during the World war. Mr. Horton has continued in the same office and has conducted a general civil engineering practice. He specializes in subdivision planning, sewage disposal, drainage district work and such matters, and has proven competent in every respect. He looked after the pavements and village engineering work of Averyville for a period of four years, served for one year as village engineer of East Peoria and for the past year has had charge and did the development work for Madison Manor, an exclusive subdivision in Peoria, looking after the construction of pavements, sidewalks, storm sewers, sanitary sewers, water and gas pipes. He has a very competent assistant engineer, E. T. Van Arsdel, who has been with him for several years.

Mr. Horton was married in December, 1910, in Peoria, to Miss Cecil Mabee, of Ithaca, New York, who died in 1918, leaving a

son, Philip, Jr., who was born October 28, 1914, and is now attending St. John's Military Academy. His second marriage was to Lucile Van Horne, of Pekin, Illinois, on March 18, 1920. She died May 28, 1928, at Asheville, North Carolina. Mr. Horton's third marriage was to Miss Anna Engstrom, who was born in Moline, Illinois, and is a daughter of Hjlmar and Alma Engstrom, the former now deceased. The marriage took place at the Church of the Atonement, in Chicago, June 1, 1929. Mr. Horton is a member of Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity of Cornell University; the Illinois Valley Yacht and Canoe Club, the North Shore Country Club and the University Club of Peoria. The family are members of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, and give their support to all worthy causes. Mr. Horton is popular among his associates and stands in the front rank of his profession in the Illinois River Valley.

WILLIAM L. TAYLOR

No resident of Canton, Fulton county, enjoys the esteem and regard of the people to a greater degree than does Colonel William L. Taylor, who is one of the few surviving veterans of the Civil war, in which he had a most honorable record. He was born in Taunton, Massachusetts, on the 7th of August, 1844, and is the oldest of the six children of Lathrop and Hannah (Hall) Taylor, who also were natives of Massachusetts. Lathrop Taylor was a son of Barnabas and Hannah (Billington) Taylor, who were born respectively at Ashfield and Middleborough, Massachusetts. At about the opening of the Civil war he enlisted with the Board of Trade Battery in Chicago, one of the notable military organizations of that great conflict. For three and a half years he served as rider of the wheel horse on gun number one, and took part in seventy-nine major battles and skirmishes with his battery, among which were Chickamauga, Stone River, Atlanta, Jonesboro and others. He never received a scratch, though numerous horses were killed beneath him, blanket rolls were punctured and stirrup straps were cut off at his feet.

At the close of the war Mr. Taylor was mustered out in Chi-

cago and went directly to Farmington, Illinois, where his parents had gone in 1864, the father serving as pastor of the Congregational Church until 1876. Mr. Taylor entered into a partnership there with A. K. Montgomery in a general mercantile business, and in 1873 took a position as traveling salesman for the Parlin-Orendorff Company with Canton as his headquarters. He put all of his energy into the plow business and developed into a high class salesman. He sold the first Parlin-Orendorff plow in Canada and the first that was sold in the state of Texas, and during all the years of his connection with the company he was one of its most valuable employees. A few years ago he retired from active business affairs, though he still retains his interest in the welfare of the old concern, which is now owned by the International Harvester Company. He retains his physical and mental vigor to a remarkable degree, his worst handicap being failing eyesight.

On January 31, 1867, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage at Farmington, Illinois, to Miss Florence Montgomery, a daughter of Alexander Kenney and Angeline (Reisinger) Montgomery. To this union were born two sons, Lathrop M. Taylor of Fort Collins, Colorado, and Bernard H. Taylor, of Canton, a sketch of whom appears on other pages of this work. Mrs. Taylor passed away in 1900, after which Colonel Taylor went to live with his son Bernard, and when the latter took up farming he went to live at the Elks Club, which is still his home. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which organization he has held many offices. He is kindly in manner and is always glad to greet his friends, of whom he has a host throughout this community.

CLARENCE H. LEFLER

One of Peoria's best known citizens and a prominent member of the legal fraternity is Clarence H. Lefler, who commands an extensive and important practice. He was born in Zanesville, Ohio, on the 19th of July, 1866, and is a son of Andrew B. and Margaret (Dozer) Lefler, both of whom were born and reared

near Zanesville. The father, who was of German descent, followed farming, and his death occurred in September, 1869. The mother passed away in 1910. They were the parents of seven children, of whom the survivors are: Gilbert I., who is retired and lives in Peoria; Philip, of Kansas City, Missouri; Rose, who is married and lives in Topeka, Kansas; and Clarence H.

Clarence H. Lefler received his early education in the public schools of Zanesville, and when ten years of age accompanied his mother on her removal to Peoria, Illinois, where he attended school for a brief period and then began learning the trades of cabinet-making and carpentering. He followed those lines of work for a number of years. For thirteen years he followed the contracting and building business, also practicing as an architect, and erecting many buildings after his own plans. In 1909 he became identified with the manual training department of the public schools, in which he served as instructor and supervisor until 1921. While engaged in educational work he took up the study of law, being admitted to the bar in 1915. He had able legal preceptors in A. V. Whitney, now deceased, and the late Judge A. M. Otman. Since 1921 he has devoted his attention exclusively to the practice of law and has gained a large clientele. In 1929 he was elected to the office of justice of the peace for a term of four years. He has his offices at 333 Main street.

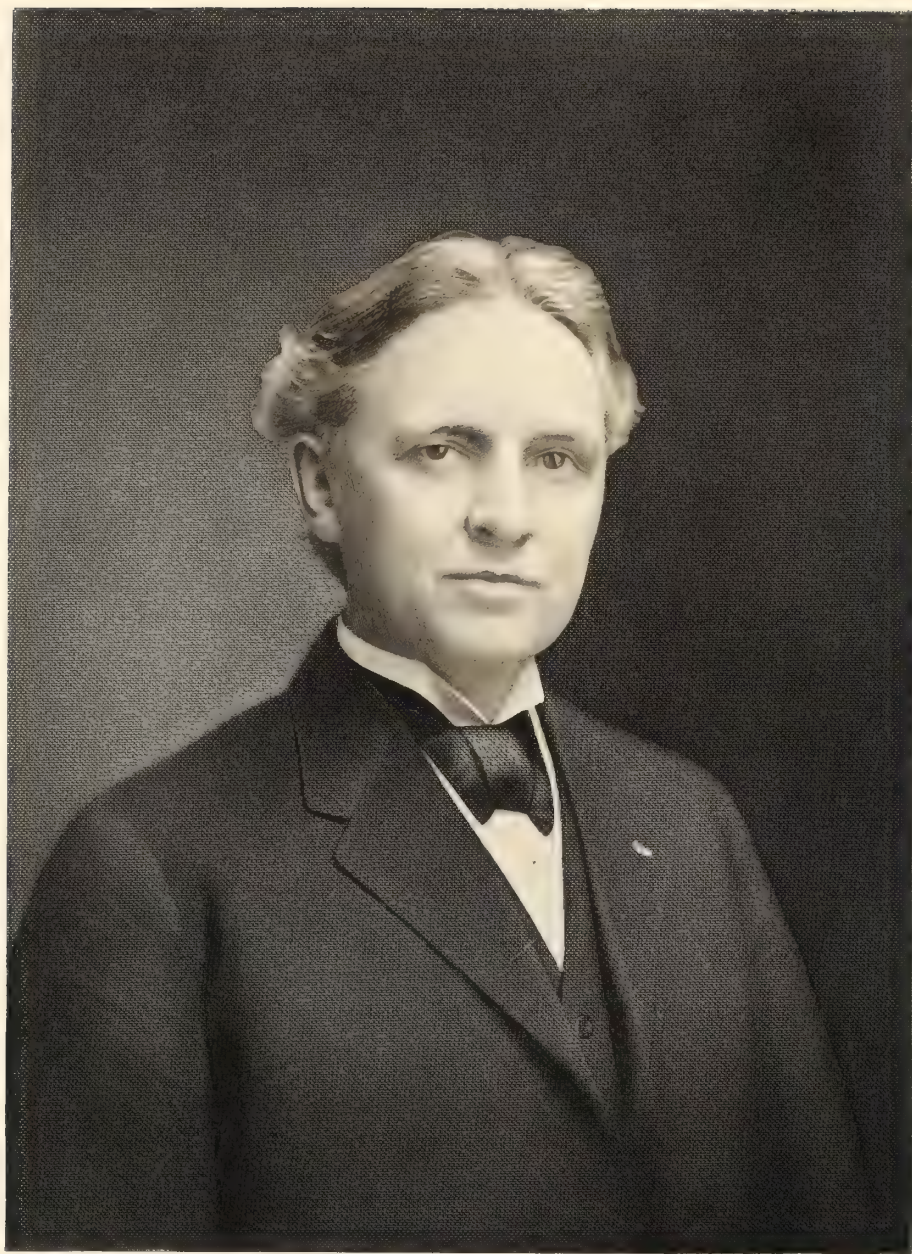
On March 16, 1892, Mr. Lefler was united in marriage to Miss Blanche M. Selby, who was born and reared in Peoria, and they are the parents of five children: Mae B., born December 18, 1894, is the wife of Thomas A. Jordon, of Peoria; Orville W., born June 10, 1896, married Miss Ella Martin, of Danville, Illinois, but a native of Kentucky; Lowell A., born August 13, 1904, is serving with the United States Marines; Clifford B., born September 27, 1906, is a salesman and lives at home; Arvilla, born June 7, 1911, is a stenographer in her father's office.

Mr. Lefler is a member of Peoria Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, and for the past thirteen years has been grand lecturer, commissioned by the grand lodge of Illinois to give instructions in Masonic work, rituals and ceremonials throughout the state. He also belongs to Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Council, No. 11, R. & S. M.; Peoria Commandery,

No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Central City Chapter, No. 42, O. E. S., of which he is a past worthy patron, Mrs. Lefler being also a member of the Eastern Star. Mr. Lefler is affiliated with the Peoria County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He has lived an active and useful life, is a public-spirited citizen, contributing by his efforts and influence to the welfare of his community, and is regarded as one of its representative citizens.

WALTER HERMANN KIRK

In professional circles of Peoria the name of Walter Hermann Kirk, attorney and counselor at law, was widely known. In all of his activities he held to the highest ethical standards of the profession and his keen intelligence was constantly manifest in the able manner in which he handled the litigated interests entrusted to his care. While the greater part of his life was passed in Peoria, he was a native of Baxter Springs, Missouri, his birth having there occurred December 5, 1870. His parents, John E. and Laura (Sevier) Kirk, were also natives of that state and there the father engaged in the cattle trade and in the grain business for a number of years in the vicinity of Kirksville, which city was named in honor of his ancestors, who had removed from Virginia and from Tennessee to Missouri at an early period in the settlement of the last named state. In the maternal line Walter H. Kirk was a descendant of the Sevier family, one of the well known and renowned families among the early residents of Tennessee. On leaving Missouri, John E. and Laura (Sevier) Kirk went to San Jose, California, but about 1876 returned to Missouri, where a little later Mr. Kirk purchased the patent of a hay-stacking device from James R. Hill. This he perfected, manufactured and sold, making his headquarters at Salisbury, Missouri, until the lack of facilities wherewith to carry on manufacturing interests caused him to seek another location. Accordingly in 1881 he removed to Peoria, where he organized the Acme Hay Harvester Company, of which he became president and general manager, continuing in that official connection until his



Walter H. Gier



"VALLEY VIEW"

Residence of Mrs. Walter H. Kirk.

health failed in 1890 and he disposed of his interests in the company. From that time forward he was not actively engaged in business except for the care and supervision which he gave to his extensive land interests in California, in which state he passed away in March, 1898.

Walter H. Kirk was a youth of ten years when the family home was established in Peoria and here he acquired his education, passing through consecutive grades until he was graduated from high school. He next entered the University of Michigan in preparation for a professional career and was graduated from the law department in June, 1894. It was during his college days that he became a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. With his return to Peoria he opened an office and entered upon the practice of law as a member of the firm of Kirk & Shurtleff and was soon widely recognized as one of the most brilliant attorneys of the state. He was widely sought in council and was seldom, if ever, at fault in the application of a legal principle. He readily recognized the value of a business situation and wisely counseled the course to pursue, knowing just what restrictions were placed upon it by legal procedure and what chances there were for legitimate expansion and control. Men eminent in business circles sought his advice, finding it at all times sound and logical. His knowledge of the law was comprehensive and exact and his corporation practice was of a most extensive and important character.

Mr. Kirk was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Matthews, a daughter of Newton Matthews, a prominent attorney, and his wife, Anna Matthews, of Peoria. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk had one child, Evangeline, who is now Mrs. George B. Pattison and has two lovely little daughters, Mary Louise and Anne Elizabeth. They occupy a beautiful home on Grand View drive, living with Mrs. Kirk.

It was on the 18th of September, 1924, that Peoria was called upon to mourn the loss of Walter H. Kirk. He had long occupied a prominent place in the public life of the community, not only by reason of his ability in his profession but also owing to his qualities of leadership in other connections. He was a prominent and influential factor in republican politics and filled a number of

offices, serving as assistant supervisor from 1901 until 1903 and as city attorney from 1903 until 1905. He was a member of the various Masonic bodies, including the Knight Templar Commandery and the Mystic Shrine, and the rules that governed his conduct and shaped his relations with his fellowmen were furthermore shown in his membership in the Presbyterian Church, in which he served in several official capacities, acting as superintendent of the Sunday school for a number of years. His social nature found expression in his membership in the University, Creve Coeur and Peoria Country Clubs. A love of nature was ever one of his dominant characteristics and he established for his family a handsome residence, known as "Valley View," on Grand View drive in Peoria, affording a fine view of the Illinois River Valley, and in this beautiful home he always felt great pride. He was active in various societies for the preservation of the beauties of nature, loving the wild flowers, the trees, the birds and all that expressed the care of the Omnipotent. In private as well as in public life he was distinguished for his upright character. He possessed a charming personality that always expressed itself in gentle kindness to a host of friends and in unfaltering devotion to his wife and daughter. Those qualities which men most admire were his in large measure.

FRANK LESLIE DRURY

Frank Leslie Drury, junior member of the livestock commission firm of Chandler & Drury, of Peoria, has for many years been closely identified with this line of business, having for the past twenty years been secretary of the Peoria Livestock Exchange. He was born in New Boston, Illinois, on the 4th of November, 1887, and is a son of Omer H. and Minnie M. (Southward) Drury. His father, who was born in 1855, followed farming throughout his active life, but is now retired, residing in Burlington, Iowa. His mother was born in Ohio in 1858 and died in 1909. Her father, Henry Buchanan Southward, enlisted in an Illinois regiment for the Civil war, and served until the end of that conflict. He went in as a captain and made a pledge to his

men that if he lived to return home it would be with the rank of captain. Owing to his bravery in many battles, he would have been promoted, but declined, preferring to remain with his men. To Omer and Minnie Drury were born three children, Ralph S., Bernice and Frank Leslie. Ralph S. Drury, a graduate of the University of Illinois, who resides in Seattle, Washington, is identified with the Link Belt Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, Illinois, being estimating engineer for his company for all of the northwest territory, including Alaska, with headquarters in Seattle. He was married to Stella Rugh, a native of Greeley, Colorado, and they have two children, Omer C. and Donald Rugh, the latter a student in the University of Washington. Omer C. graduated from the University of Washington, took up aviation and became a noted flier. He was secretary of the Northwest Aircraft Corporation of Seattle, but was killed as the result of a fall at Corvallis, Oregon, in October, 1929. Bernice Drury became the wife of Howard J. Adams, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, an engineer for the Mowrie Engineering Company of Chicago, specializing in waterway construction work. They have one child, Judson.

Frank L. Drury attended the public schools of New Boston, Illinois, after which he took a course in a business college at Quincy, this state. He was employed by Smith Brothers & Burdick Company, wholesale grocers of Davenport, Iowa, for eighteen months, and later as chief clerk in the district office of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, at Davenport. In January, 1908, he came to Peoria and on June 26th of that year became office manager for E. M. Chandler & Company, livestock commission salesmen. In 1919 he became a junior partner in the firm and in 1921 the firm name was changed to Chandler & Drury, its present style. In addition to his duties with this firm, Mr. Drury has also been secretary of the Peoria Livestock Exchange for the past two decades.

On November 7, 1911, Mr. Drury was united in marriage to Miss Cora A. Thede, a daughter of David and Amelia Thede, representatives of one of the old and representative families of Peoria. She attended the Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria and is an accomplished and popular woman. To this union was born a son, David, November 29, 1912. Mr. Drury is a member

of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Peoria; Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E.; and various local civic organizations. He served in the Illinois National Guard at Quincy during 1906-07. He and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church of Peoria, in the work of which they take an active part. Mr. Drury served for ten years as trustee of the church and was chairman of the finance committee for six years.

CHARLES JOHNSON

Charles Johnson is president of the Chas. Johnson Co., Inc., of Peoria, one of the leading concerns in the manufacture of furnace pipe and fittings in the Illinois River Valley, a position attained largely through the sound and careful business policy followed by Mr. Johnson. Born in Peoria on the 1st of January, 1862, he is a son of John H. and Mary C. (Reiker) Johnson. His father was born in north Germany and came to the United States in young manhood, landing at Baltimore, Maryland. He at once came to Peoria, where he went to work at the blacksmith trade, which he had learned in his native land and which he followed during the remainder of his business life. He moved to Farmington, Illinois, where he conducted a shop until 1886, when he returned to Peoria and retired, his death occurring in 1890. His wife, also a native of Germany, died in Peoria. They had eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are Mahala, the wife of Charles Spindler; Mary C., who is employed in the office of the Chas. Johnson Co., Inc.; Tillie, the wife of Charles England, of Peoria; George, deceased; Peter, deceased, who was a stockholder in the Chas. Johnson Co., Inc.; George, who also was connected with the Johnson company and is deceased; John and William, who have passed away; and Charles.

Charles Johnson attended the public schools in Elmwood and Farmington to the age of thirteen years, when he returned to Peoria and entered the employ of F. Meyer & Brothers Company. He worked in the hardware department and tinshop until March, 1885, when he resigned and engaged in business on his own ac-

count, opening a hardware store and tinshop at 2023 South Adams street. Success attended him and the business increased rapidly, so that in 1888 Mr. Johnson purchased ground at 2023 South Adams street and erected a two-story brick building, in which he installed a complete line of shelf and heavy hardware. He was soon compelled to erect another building across the alley to house a shop for the manufacture of sheet metal products and cornice work. In 1891 the business was incorporated under the name of the Charles Johnson Hardware Company, with the following officers: Charles Johnson, president; Peter A. Johnson, vice president; and William Johnson, secretary and treasurer. In 1920 the furnace, pipe and fitting department was moved to 918 South Adams and the hardware store and sheet metal department was continued at 2023 South Adams street. During 1923 the latter two departments were discontinued and the office moved to the present location, 918 South Adams street, where the company is now mainly engaged in the manufacture of furnace pipe, fittings and jobbing of registers and other furnace supplies. The shop is equipped with modern machinery and the pipe and fittings are made in all sizes, the product being shipped to all parts of the United States. The present building is seventy-two by one hundred and sixty feet, the front part being three stories high, while the rear portion, which has recently been completed is two stories. The office and shop are on the ground floor, while the upper floors are used for storage purposes, immense bins being partitioned off for the storage of the various sizes of furnace pipe and elbows, ready for crating and shipment. Steady employment is given forty experienced workmen.

On March 3, 1889, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Tjarks, of Peoria. Her parents came to this city in 1852 and her father was manager of the lumber business of John Hancock, all of the lumber being at that time brought to Peoria by boat. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of the following named: Anna is the wife of Reinhart Iben, a contractor of Peoria, and they have a son, Charles; Carl, who is secretary-treasurer of the Chas. Johnson Co., Inc, married Miss Paula Flach and they have a daughter, Phyllis; Lucile is the wife of Henry Kirchoff, of Peoria, and their one child is Joanne; Ruth

is married and lives in Peoria, and has a son, John; Cecelia is the wife of Rolland Miller, employed in her father's office. Carl Johnson enlisted in the navy for the World war, was sent to the Great Lakes training station, where he spent fifteen months, and was then honorably discharged.

Mr. Johnson and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, of which he was a trustee for many years. He gives generous support to all worthy benevolent causes and in civic affairs can always be depended upon to support those measures which promise to promote the community welfare.

VINCENT W. NOONAN

Vincent W. Noonan is successfully engaged in business as a lumberman and contractor of La Salle, where he conducts his interests under the name of the Noonan Lumber Company, handling all kinds of lumber and building material. He is a native son of La Salle, Illinois, born August 29, 1877, his parents being John and Mary (O'Shea) Noonan, both of whom were natives of Ireland. He was the eighth in order of birth in a family of nine children and pursued his education in public and parochial schools. When his school training was completed he learned the carpenter's trade, and after following the same for a number of years he embarked in the contracting business on his own account. It was in 1920 that he turned his attention to the lumber business and during the past decade he has dealt in all kinds of lumber and building material in connection with his contracting interests, which have grown to large proportions. He "builds modern homes for moderate prices," and has won an enviable reputation for the prompt and satisfactory execution of the contracts awarded him.

On the 19th of June, 1901, Mr. Noonan was united in marriage to Miss Mary McKenna, daughter of John and Mary (Gillhooly) McKenna, both natives of Ohio. They are the parents of eight children, namely: Vincent, Arthur, Charles, Maria, Robert, Walter, John and Elizabeth.

Mr. Noonan is a democrat in politics but has never sought

nor desired the honors and emoluments of office as a reward for his party fealty. He is a communicant of the Catholic Church and fraternally is identified with the Knights of Columbus, as are also four of his sons. Vincent, Arthur and Robert Noonan are third degree members of the Knights of Columbus, while Charles has attained the fourth degree in the order. A lifelong resident of La Salle, Mr. Noonan has become widely known throughout the community and is numbered among its highly esteemed and respected citizens as well as substantial and representative business men.

PAUL EMIL HERSCHEL, JR.

Paul Emil Herschel, Jr., is officially identified with one of the important industrial enterprises of the middle west as vice president and sales manager of the R. Herschel Manufacturing Company of Peoria, which was established about a half century ago by Paul E. Herschel, Sr., and his brother, Robert Herschel, for the manufacture of agricultural implements. He is a native son of Peoria, Illinois, born January 20, 1892, his parents being Paul Emil and Mary K. (Juelg) Herschel, more extended reference to whom may be found on another page of this work. His preliminary educational training was supplemented by study in the Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria from 1906 until 1910, while during the succeeding three years he attended Northwestern University. He pursued a law course in order to familiarize himself with contracts, property, etc., but not with the idea of practicing the profession, for he had determined to follow in his father's business footsteps. Thus on leaving college he became active in the conduct of the R. Herschel Manufacturing Company, engaged in the manufacture of lawn mowers, in agricultural repairs and in the implement supply business. He is now vice president and sales manager of this extensive corporation and is also vice president of the Southern Supply Company of Dallas, Texas, a director of the Maple City Stamping Company of Peoria, Illinois, and a director of the Commercial Merchants National Bank & Trust Company. His high standing in business circles is indi-

cated in the fact that he has been chosen vice president of the National Association of Farm Equipment Manufacturers and is also a director of the Illinois Manufacturers Association.

On the 28th of October, 1915, in Peoria, Mr. Herschel was united in marriage to Jean Nicol, who was born in this city, September 26, 1892, and is a daughter of William and Anna (Bull) Nicol. They are the parents of two children, Mary Jean and Paul E. Herschel (III).

Throughout the community in which he has always lived Mr. Herschel is recognized as a most enterprising, public-spirited and progressive young citizen, whose support can be counted upon in behalf of all movements tending toward civic welfare and advancement. He is doing effective work as president of the Associated Charities and Philanthropies, is a past president of the Creve Coeur Club, president of the Peoria Implement, Tractor & Hardware Club and also a member of the Peoria Country Club and the University Club. His religious faith is that of the Universalist Church, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Masons, being chief rabban of Mohammed Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Herschel is a man of marked strength of character, endowed with superior business ability, and his genuine worth is attested by Peoria's citizens, who entertain for him the highest respect.

JOSEPH C. MILES

Joseph C. Miles, numbered among Peoria's representative and prosperous business men, has during the past two decades been treasurer of the grain firm of P. B. & C. C. Miles, which has to its credit a continuous existence of fifty-five years. The president and the vice president are his two older brothers, Philo B. and Charles Crane Miles, and, like them, he is a native of Washington, Tazewell county, Illinois, born November 27, 1865. His parents were Benjamin Eustis and Jane Martin (Crane) Miles, both of whom were natives of Ohio, the former born in Athens in October, 1818, and the latter born in Putnam (now Zanesville). The American progenitor of the family was John Miles, a native of

Wales, who settled in Concord, Massachusetts, about 1635. He was well educated, was a blacksmith by trade and was successful as a farmer, becoming the owner of four hundred and eighty-nine acres of land. Among his descendants was Captain Benjamin Miles, great grandfather of Joseph C. Miles of this review, who was an officer in the Revolutionary war and took part in the battles of Lexington and Concord Bridge. Captain Benjamin Miles was a native of Rutland, Massachusetts, and became a pioneer agriculturist of Ohio, going to the latter state with General Rufus Putnam. He married Hannah Buckminster and their son, Joseph Buckminster Miles, the grandfather of Joseph C. Miles, was born in Rutland, Massachusetts, in 1781. The latter became an early settler of Illinois and here developed a good farm, his death occurring in Washington, this state, in August, 1860. He married Elizabeth Buckingham, a native of Ohio, in which state she died. Benjamin Eustis Miles, son of Joseph Buckminster and Elizabeth (Buckingham) Miles, left his native state of Ohio to locate in Washington, Illinois, in 1843, and there passed away in June, 1878, when fifty-nine years of age. He gained a gratifying measure of prosperity as a miller and grain merchant of Washington, Illinois, owning both a flour mill and grain elevator. Originally a whig, he later joined the ranks of the republican party, while in religious faith he was a Presbyterian. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane Martin Crane, took up her abode in Washington, Illinois, about 1845 and there died December 5, 1879, when fifty-two years of age.

In the acquirement of an education Joseph C. Miles attended the grade and high schools of Washington, Illinois. He spent seven years on a ranch at Waverly, Kansas, and was engaged in the wholesale coal business in association with his brothers for several years. Thereafter he entered the grain office of P. B. & C. C. Miles in Peoria, and when the business was incorporated in 1910 he became treasurer, in which official capacity he has since contributed largely to its steady expansion and success.

On the 27th of December, 1894, at Waverly, Kansas, Mr. Miles married Roberta Kingston, who was born May 19, 1873, her parents being Eugene and Sallie (Mathis) Kingston. The father was a merchant of Kentucky prior to his removal to Wa-

verly, Kansas, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits to the time of his retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Miles are the parents of two daughters and a son, namely: Benjamin Eustis; Josephine Kingston; and Roberta Kingston, who is the wife of Maurice S. Chamberlin and the mother of three children—Joseph Miles, Barbara Louise and Thad Robert. It is interesting to note that there has been a Benjamin Miles in every generation of the Miles family since Revolutionary times.

Mr. Miles is a staunch republican in politics and while a resident of Kansas served as school director. He belongs to the Sons of the American Revolution and may well be proud of his patriotic ancestry. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Congregational Church of Peoria and the salient traits of his character are such as have commended him to the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

GEORGE L. RIBER

George L. Riber, station agent for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad at South Pekin, who has had considerable experience in this line of work and is discharging his duties in a very capable and efficient manner, was born in Mount Zion, Macon county, Illinois, on the 4th of February, 1890, and is a son of William Lawrence and Louvinia (Foley) Riber. His father's people were from Germany, where the name was spelled "Reiber." He was born at Blue Mound, Illinois, and early in life learned the blacksmith trade, which work he followed throughout his active life, his death occurring in 1918. The mother was born in Lake City, Illinois, and died in 1913. To them were born two children, George L. and Estella, who became the wife of D. E. White and died in 1919.

George L. Riber attended the public and high schools of Mount Zion, and early in life learned telegraphy. He entered the employ of the Chicago & North Western railroad as an operator, in which capacity he served at various places, and in 1919 was transferred to South Pekin, where he is in charge as station agent.

On October 2, 1920, Mr. Riber was united in marriage to Miss Hazel Tice, who was born in Athens, Illinois, October 18, 1889, a daughter of Benjamin and Lillie Tice, both of whom are living in Chatham, Illinois. Her parents had nine children, six of whom are deceased, the survivors being: Estella, a graduate of high school at Auburn, Illinois; Eva, the wife of Robert Sprau, of Champaign, Illinois; and Mrs. Riber. Mr. Sprau is attending the University of Illinois, where he is majoring in electrical engineering. Benjamin Tice was of German parentage and the family name was originally spelled "Theis," having been changed in this country to its present form. Mrs. Riber is now serving as postmaster at South Pekin in a very satisfactory manner. On her mother's side she is of German and French descent, her maternal great-grandmother having been of French stock, the name being Slatten. Mr. Riber is held in high esteem among the younger set of South Pekin and Pekin, for he possesses to a marked degree those qualities which make for friendship. He is a member of Gillespie Lodge, No. 214, A. F. & A. M., of Pekin, Pekin Chapter, No. 25, R. A. M., and the Grotto at Pekin.

TOM W. ENDSLEY

Funeral directing under modern methods is in marked contrast to the customs of but a few years ago and is much more in keeping with the desire that the last rites for the dead shall be as far as possible devoid of reference to death and sorrow. Tom W. Endsley, part owner of the Cumerford Memorial Home, at 203 North Perry avenue, Peoria, is widely known for the painstaking and considerate manner in which he conducts the business, earning the grateful appreciation of those who employ his services. A native of Illinois, Mr. Endsley was born in Henry, on the 6th of November, 1883, and is a son of Frank M. and Jennie (Coulter) Endsley. His grandfather, Thomas Endsley, who was a native of Virginia and died in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, was a miller by occupation and was a veteran of the Civil war. Frank M. Endsley was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and died March 20, 1893, in La Rose, Illinois, where he was a grain dealer for a

number of years. He was a republican in his political views and was an adherent of the Presbyterian Church. Jennie (Coulter) Endsley, who was born in Alta, Illinois, on the 25th of September, 1864, and is now living in Peoria, is a daughter of William J. and Hannah (Patterson) Coulter. The former, a native of England, was a pioneer farmer in Saratoga township, Marshall county, Illinois, and his death occurred in Peoria. His wife, who was a native of Scotland, died in Henry, Illinois.

Tom W. Endsley attended the grade and high schools of Peoria and then went to work for Hysinger & Rosenthal, general merchants, as clerk and delivery boy. He remained with that concern until nineteen years of age, when he resigned to become treasurer of the old Auditorium theater, with which he was connected for seven years. He was employed as a traveling salesman for the Diamond Electric Supply Company of Peoria for some time and later covered the state of Illinois for the Illinois Electric Company, of Chicago, with which he was connected until January, 1921, when he became a partner of Harry E. Cumerford in the Cumerford Memorial Home. This business was established in 1893 by the late Martin Van Buren Cumerford and his son Harry E. at 708 Main street, Peoria. Later they tore down the building and erected a new structure, better adapted to their use. Harry E. Cumerford was the active member of the firm after his father's death, and continued the business at its original location until 1913, when he purchased the old Martin Kingman residence at 203 North Perry avenue, which he remodeled. He moved the business into its new location, which was first known as the Cumerford Funeral Home, it being the first "funeral home" in Peoria and one of the first in the United States. In 1925 the name was changed to its present style, the Cumerford Memorial Home. The present establishment is characterized by all modern features, including a complete motor equipment. The home contains a pipe organ, manually played, and Deakin chimes. The firm looks after its own music, maintaining a quartet of singers, and in every possible way aims to render ideal service to the smallest detail. It was the first undertaking concern to operate a limousine hearse in Peoria. The members of

the firm are governed by high ideals and wish to be considered as paramount in the service they render. The home is very tastefully furnished and is cheerful looking, in contrast to the mournful aspect of many undertaking establishments, and thus helps to mitigate the sorrow of the bereaved.

Tom W. Endsley was married December 20, 1914, in Yates City, Illinois, to Miss Grace M. Feters, who was born and reared there and is a daughter of Oliver P. and Mary C. (Harrington) Feters, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Endsley graduated from the Yates City high school and the State Normal School at Macomb, after which she took a course in dramatic art in Sacred Heart Academy. She taught in the public schools of Knox county, this state, prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Peoria Women's Club and the Amateur Music Club, and belongs to the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Peoria.

Mr. Endsley is a republican in his political adherency and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E.; Peoria Council, No. 112, U. C. T., of which he is a past grand councilor; and the Travelers Protective Association; and is a past president of the Peoria Electric Club. At one time he was a member of old Company G, Fifth Regiment Illinois National Guard. During the late war he took an active part in promoting the various Liberty Loan drives and has always been ready to cooperate in movements for the betterment of the community along all legitimate lines. Courteous and kindly in manner, he is well adapted to his present calling and merits the success which is his.

CHARLES F. HOLT

Charles F. Holt was born in Rosefield township, Peoria county, Illinois, July 15, 1881, the son of Frederick Ingram Holt and Rosina (Bagg) Holt, both of whom were born and raised in Rosefield township. Frederick Holt was the son of James and Elizabeth Holt, who emigrated from England and settled on a farm in Rosefield township which they acquired from the government. This farm was acquired at the death of James Holt by Frederick

Holt and is still in his family. Frederick Holt passed away in 1911 and is survived by his widow, Rosina Holt, who resides at Eden, Illinois, Charles F. Holt and Otis James Holt.

Charles F. Holt received a public school education plus about one year at a normal school and taught school for four years, or from 1903 to 1907. In 1907 he bought a grain business in Eden, Illinois, and engaged in the grain, machinery and hardware business until 1917.

On January 21, 1909, he was united in marriage to Mayme Elizabeth Stein, of Trivoli, Illinois, who was born January 26, 1884, the daughter of Nicolas and Caroline Stein, who emigrated here from Germany. To them was born one son, Frederick Nicolas Holt, on May 29, 1912, who is a student in high school.

In March, 1917, Mr. Holt sold his business in Eden, Illinois, and moved his family to Peoria where they still reside. In August, 1917, he engaged in the laundry business in a small way and has had to move to more commodious quarters since that time. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Peoria; Farmington (Ill.) Lodge, No. 192, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory and Mohammed Temple of Peoria. The family is of the Protestant faith and give their moral support to the Methodist Church.

Mr. Holt, although a busy man, tries to maintain a proper interest in the general welfare of the community and as much as able to all worthy benevolent causes.

CHARLES LESLIE PYKE

In the death of the late Charles Leslie Pyke, which occurred on February 28, 1929, the art circles of America, and particularly of Illinois, suffered an irreparable loss, for he was a man of extraordinary attainments in his special field of labor, photography, in which he had acquired a national reputation. While a capable and successful business man, he loved his art for art's sake and his lifelong efforts were exerted in the direction of the development of a finer technique throughout the profession. Because of his individual attainments he commanded respect, while his



CHARLES L. PYKE

unusual personality attracted to him a large circle of followers and admirers. Mr. Pyke was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 14th of April, 1866, a son of James and Amy (Calhoun) Pyke. His father was a native of England, whence he came to the United States in young manhood. He located first in Cincinnati, Ohio, shortly afterwards moving to Cleveland, where he established his permanent home. After completing his public school education, he learned the trade of boot and shoe making. He was employed in a shoe store in that city for some years, and then went to Detroit, Michigan, where he engaged in business, remaining there until his death, in the '80s. His wife was a native of Maine and of Scotch-Irish descent. She was a cousin of John C. Calhoun, the eminent statesman. She died in 1878, at the age of sixty-two years. To these parents were born two children, a daughter who died in infancy and Charles Leslie.

Charles L. Pyke received a good public and high school education, after which he learned the art of photography in the Sawtelle studio, in Elyria, Ohio, where he specialized in child photography. Going to New York, he became identified with some of the famous old studios of that city and soon had a reputation throughout the United States as one of the best retouchers in the country. He demonstrated this very exacting and important phase of photographic art at various conventions, before the Art League and eminent painters. He was for two years a judge for the Photographers' Association of America conventions in New York and Chicago and won gold and silver medals at Des Moines, Iowa. He also won a certificate of award from the Photographers' Association of America. In Cleveland, Ohio, in 1925, Mr. Pyke submitted eight subjects during the annual convention of the Photographers' Association of America, and four of his photographs were selected by the judges, a very unusual compliment, as the committees rarely selected so many from one studio. Mr. Pyke followed his profession for over forty years. He came to Peoria in 1917 and established the Pyke studio, which soon became the leading photographic center of this section of the country, for he was considered a foremost exponent of certain types of pictures. He specialized in portraiture, which is uniformly regarded as the most difficult and exacting branch of the

business. In 1925 he attended the annual convention of the Missouri Valley Photographers' Association in Kansas City and the Southwestern Photographers' Association in Dallas, Texas, and addressed both conventions on operating, retouching and etching. He acted as judge at the national conventions held in Chicago and New York.

Mr. Pyke was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Hubbard Hogg, who was born in Kinmundy, Marion county, Illinois, and is a daughter of James and Rebecca (Harvick) Hogg. Her father, who was a native of Kentucky, was ordained, when twenty-one years of age, as a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was a thirty-second degree member of the Masonic fraternity. He died at the age of fifty-nine years and the mother passed away at the age of seventy-four years, in 1917. To Mrs. Pyke's parents were born twelve children, all of whom grew to maturity. Mrs. Pyke is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution on her mother's side and is eligible on the paternal side also. Mr. and Mrs. Pyke became the parents of two children, Martha Amy and Donald O. Martha Amy was born on April 25, 1905, and is assisting in the Pyke studio, at 107 South Jefferson street, Peoria. She demonstrated oil paintings at the national convention of the Photographers' Convention of America at Buffalo, New York, in 1928, and at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1927. She is an accomplished artist, having graduated from the Chicago Art Institute and the Academy of Fine Arts, and taught in Eureka College, at Eureka, Illinois. She studied languages two years in the University of Illinois and won a silver cup for her paintings at another exhibit, and also demonstrated her oil paintings at Omaha, Nebraska. She is a writer for art magazines, and has taught oil painting at the photographers' school at Winona Lake, Indiana, in 1928 and 1929. This school is open in August only and is sponsored by the Photographers' Association of America, being held only for professionals. Miss Pyke is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Alpha Chi Omega sorority of the University of Illinois. Donald O. Pyke, who was born on July 31, 1903, is a graduate of the University of Illinois, belongs to the Delta Upsilon fraternity, of which he was president during his last college year. He was

football captain of a naval unit during the World war. He is now sales promotion manager for the Graham Paper Company of St. Louis, Missouri, and is a writer for the trade papers.

Charles L. Pyke belonged to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and was a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He formerly held membership in the Creve Coeur Club, the Optimist Club, the Rotary Club, the North Shore Country Club, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias, and for over thirty years was a member of the Camera Craftsmen of America. He and his wife were members of the Order of the Eastern Star. A man of outstanding accomplishments as an artist photographer and possessing to a marked degree those qualities which make for friendships, he was one of the most highly esteemed members of his profession and had a host of loyal and admiring friends. At his death, the Camera Craftsmen of America presented Mrs. Pyke and her family with a beautiful hand engraved silver loving cup, as a token of their regard.

AUGUSTUS JACOB BLICKENSTAFF, M. D.

Dr. Augustus J. Blickenstaff, of Peoria, who is regarded as one of the leading specialists in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat in this section of the state, is also a man of sterling character and estimable traits, and stands deservedly high in public esteem. He was born in Clinton county, Indiana, on the 25th of March, 1872, and is a son of David D. and Hanna (Wagoner) Blickenstaff, both of whom were born in Clinton county. The mother died in 1910, at the age of sixty-three years. The father, who always followed farming, is now retired. For many years he and his wife were active members of the Church of the Brethren. The American Progenitor of the Blickenstaff family was a native of Switzerland, who moved to Germany and, after a residence there of some years, came to the United States about 1750, eventually becoming one of the first settlers in Indiana. To David and Hanna Blickenstaff were born ten children, of whom two died in infancy. Owen, who died at the age of forty-

eight years, married Anna Hansel and they have a son, Perry, who is now practicing veterinary surgery in Los Angeles county, California, his mother residing in Pasadena; Daniel died at the age of thirty years; William, who is practicing dentistry in Monticello, Indiana, married Ada Snyder, of Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and they have two children, Josephine and Pauline; Eli, who is a practicing dentist in Delphi, Indiana, married Maude Snyder, of that city, and they have eight children; Jesse, a rancher at Nampa, Idaho, married Mary Swartz, of Delphi, Indiana; Della is the widow of Franklin Holsinger, a school teacher and farmer, who taught in Indiana and Idaho, where he died, his widow still living at Nampa with her six children; Lloyd, who is teaching in the high school at Kewanna, Indiana, married Marie Butterbaugh, and Augustus J.

Augustus J. Blickenstaff received his early education in the public schools of Clinton county, Indiana, and Piatt county, Illinois, after which he taught grade school for three years and high school one year at Cannelton, Indiana. He then entered the University of Indiana, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1904, and with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1907. He entered upon the general practice of medicine at Wolcott, Indiana, where he remained seven years, and then took a special course of one year in the New York Post-Graduate Hospital, of New York city. In February, 1916, he came to Peoria and opened offices in the Central National Bank building, and here he specializes in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He was successful from the start and subsequently removed to the Peoria Life building, occupying offices there before the building was completed, being one of its first tenants. He now has attractive and well equipped offices and is commanding a large practice, which is confined to his special field of labor.

On May 25, 1909, Dr. Blickenstaff was united in marriage to Miss Josephine R. Mitterling, of Wolcott, Indiana, a daughter of Solomon and Sarah Mitterling, the former now deceased and the latter a resident of Peoria. Dr. and Mrs. Blickenstaff have one child, Wyverne A., born June 11, 1919, and now attending school. Dr. Blickenstaff is a member of the University Club and the Lions Club, and he and his wife are members of the Central

Christian Church. He is affiliated with the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology. He keeps in close and constant touch with the latest advances in the healing science and stands high in the respect of his medical brethren and the confidence of the public.

JAMES B. RUSSELL

James B. Russell, assistant actuary for the Peoria Life Insurance Company, is one of its most highly regarded officials, for he is an expert in his special field of labor and is contributing in a very definite way to the success of the company which he represents. A native of Ontario, Canada, he was born on the 8th of April, 1892, and is a son of William James and Jane Winnifred (Wyse) Russell. His paternal grandparents were William James and Maria Jane (Greenaway) Russell, while his maternal grandparents were Benjamin and Sarah (Wardrope) Wyse. The paternal ancestors were from the north of Ireland and of Scotch-Irish stock, while the maternal grandmother and grandfather were both natives of Ontario, Canada. Both families were established in Canada at a very early day and there followed agricultural pursuits. In the Russell family have been a number of ministers of the Gospel, in both Canada and the United States, occupying the pulpits of some of the leading churches. William James Russell, who was one of the pioneers of the Canadian Pacific Railway in Ontario, was born and reared in Canada and died in May, 1927, while his wife passed away March 17, 1912. They became the parents of two children, James B., of this review, and Archibald, born on July 29, 1893, who is now a resident of Miami, Florida. He married Miss Nellie Awrey, also a native of Ontario, and they have two children, Eleanor and Jean.

James B. Russell received his early education in the public schools of Ontario and then entered the University of Toronto. His studies there were interrupted by his enlistment in the navy for the world war, for which he sailed from Halifax, where he was in training. He saw two years of active service and received

his honorable discharge at Ottawa, Canada. He then resumed his studies in the University of Toronto, from which he was graduated with honors in mathematics, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1921. In that year he became connected with the Travelers Insurance Company, of Hartford, Connecticut, in actuarial pursuits, and remained with the company until October, 1924, when he came to Peoria, and has since been with the Peoria Life Insurance Company.

On September 11, 1923, in Ontario, Canada, Mr. Russell was united in marriage to Miss Edith Harriet Scott, a native of Ontario, and a daughter of James R. Scott. They are the parents of two children, Edith Winnifred, born August 16, 1925, and Harriet Virginia, born August 26, 1927. Mr. Russell is a member of the American Legion, the University Club of Peoria and a fellow of the Actuarial Society of America. He is the commissioner for Creve Coeur Council of Boy Scouts of America and has taken a deep interest in the work among the boys. His sterling qualities, business ability and cordial and sincere manner have gained for him a deservedly high standing among his business associates and he has a large circle of warm friends in this city.

EUGENE A. WEBER

The oldest undertaking establishment in Peoria county is that conducted by Eugene A. Weber in Chillicothe, which has been conducted by the Weber family since 1852. Mr. Weber was born in Chillicothe, Illinois, on the 10th of April, 1896, a son of Peter J. and Celia (Bauer) Weber. His paternal grandfather was Andrew Weber, who was of German descent. While en route, from Cincinnati to Peoria with his wife and six children, the boat on which they had taken passage engaged in a race with another boat, with the result that the boiler of their boat exploded. The vessel sank and the grandmother jumped into the river with two of her children. The large hoop skirts which she wore kept her and her two children afloat, and eventually she and one of the children were rescued, the other children being drowned. An-

drew Weber served four years in the Union Army during the Civil war. In 1852 he engaged in the undertaking business in Chillicothe, which he carried on for many years in connection with a furniture business, in partnership with his son Peter J. The business has been conducted in the same location to the present day, a period of seventy-nine years. Peter J. Weber was born in Chillicothe in 1856 and died here July 20, 1928. He devoted his entire time to funeral directing, in which business he was one of the leaders of this section of the county. He also took an active part in local public affairs, and served as an alderman and several terms as city treasurer.

Eugene A. Weber acquired his education in the public and high schools of Chillicothe and in 1913 became associated with his father in the undertaking business, in which he is still engaged.

On December 29, 1916, Mr. Weber was united in marriage to Miss Gladys Thompson, who was born and reared in this city and is a daughter of Newton and Henrietta Thompson. The latter died when her daughter was very young. Mr. and Mrs. Weber are the parents of two children, Jack, born June 5, 1918, and Betty Jean, born January 7, 1922. Mr. Weber has shown helpful interest in the affairs of his city and served as alderman for two terms, 1926 and 1927. He has also served on the school board. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, and is a very popular member of the circles in which he moves.

LEVI A. BURHANS, M. D.

Dr. Levi A. Burhans is an able and successful representative of the medical profession in Peoria, where he has been continuously engaged in practice for more than two decades. A native of Portland, Michigan, he was born December 1, 1874, his parents being Frederick Nicholas and Eliza Ann (Gibbs) Burhans. A great-grandfather in the paternal line emigrated to America from Holland and served in the Revolutionary war. The paternal grandfather was a native of Washtenaw county, Michigan, as was also his son, Frederick N. Burhans, the father of Dr. Bur-

hans of this review. During the period of the Civil war Frederick N. Burhans served in the Union Army as a member of Company E, Twenty-seventh Michigan Infantry. He followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active life and he passed away in 1915, when sixty-nine years of age. Two brothers of his wife also took part in the Civil war and one of them is buried in the National Cemetery. Mrs. Eliza Ann (Gibbs) Burhans was a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and represented a family that had been established in the new world by her great-great-grandfather who came from Holland. Her paternal grandfather, Robert Gibbs, was a native of the state of New York. By her marriage she became the mother of four children, namely: Nellie May, who died at the age of twelve years; Menta, who died in infancy; George W., who is engaged in the insurance business in Lansing, Michigan; and Levi A., of this review.

In the acquirement of an education Levi A. Burhans attended the public schools of Portland, Michigan, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school with the class of 1894. Subsequently he matriculated in the Michigan State Normal College of Ypsilanti, from which he was graduated in 1899. Thereafter he taught school for three years and for a period of four years served as county commissioner of schools in Ionia county, Michigan. It was his desire, however, to qualify for the medical profession and with this end in view he spent two years as a student in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and then for a similar period attended the Northwestern University Medical School, which in 1908 conferred upon him the degree of M. D. He was a hospital interne of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, prior to coming to Peoria in 1909 and here he has since continued in practice, maintaining well appointed offices at 609 Central National Bank building. With the passing years his practice has steadily grown in volume and importance as he has demonstrated his skill in coping with the intricate and complex problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life.

On the 30th of June, 1915, Dr. Burhans was married to Miss Eda Lucas, of Peoria, daughter of Emil and Ida (Bohlender) Lucas. She is a graduate of the Bradley Polytechnic Institute of

Peoria and by her marriage she has become the mother of two sons: Robert Lee, born September 19, 1916; and Donald Lucas, born March 26, 1919.

When the United States had been drawn into the World war Dr. Burhans enlisted from Peoria and with the Medical Corps went to Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, where he was commissioned captain. He is a member of Peoria Post, No. 2, of the American Legion, also belongs to the Creve Coeur Club and fraternally is affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: Temple Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Peoria; Peoria Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. His life has been an exemplary one in all respects and he has long enjoyed high standing in social, fraternal and professional circles of his adopted city.

JOHN GOEDTNER

In the front rank of La Salle's able and successful men stands John Goedtner, vice president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Mendota. Additional interest attaches to the record of his career in this connection, for he was for over forty years engaged in the banking business which preceded the organizing of the present institution. Mr. Goedtner was born in Buchholz, Westerwald, Germany, on the 10th of February, 1849, and is a son of John M. and Margaret (Erlenborn) Goedtner, also natives of Germany and both now deceased.

John Goedtner received a good education in the public schools of his native land and at the age of seventeen years, came to the United States, landing at New York, November 26, 1866. On the 30th of that month he arrived in Mendota and entered the employ of his uncle, who conducted a mercantile business, thus remaining until 1873, when, desiring to better equip himself for business, he went to Chicago and took a course in bookkeeping. On returning to Mendota he became cashier in a bank, which position he held until 1877, when he resigned and entered into a partnership with George H. Madden in the banking and insurance business. That partnership existed until 1919, when they

reorganized as the Farmers and Merchants' State Bank, of which Mr. Goedtner is a director and the vice president. He has thus been identified with the banking and financial interests of this city for fifty-six years, during which period he has not only won splendid success, but has also commanded the uniform confidence of his fellowmen.

On February 25, 1879, Mr. Goedtner was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. Cline, who was born in Arlington, Bureau county, Illinois, and they have had four children, as follows: Justine, who died at the age of twenty years; Anna, who is the wife of Ivan I. Pierce, of Marysville, California, and has a son, John L.; Ida M., who is the wife of Otto Mallach, of Chicago, and has one child; and Theresia M., who is the wife of E. F. Lewis and the mother of one child.

Mr. Goedtner has always supported the democratic party and has taken an active part in public affairs. In 1902 he was elected county treasurer of La Salle county, serving four years, and in 1909 was elected a county supervisor, which office he is still holding, while since 1922 he has served as chairman of the finance committee. He is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and his religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic Church. He gives liberally to all worthy benevolent causes and always supports movements for the betterment of the community. He is well acquainted throughout La Salle county and is recognized as a most influential citizen, while in his home community he is regarded as one of its representative men of affairs.

ORAN L. BURTON

Oran L. Burton, manager at Peoria for the A. D. Baker Company of Swanton, Ohio, is a capable and dependable business man and has built up the business of his company in this section of the state to a remarkable degree. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on the 24th of February, 1884, and is a son of Charles L. and Sarah Lenora (Hubbard) Burton, both of whom were natives of Louisville. His father was employed as a machinist there for many years, and his death occurred in 1895.

Oran L. Burton, who is an only child, attended the public schools and in young manhood started to learn the trade of machinist in his father's shop. On completing his trade he became identified with the threshing business, with which he has been connected to the present time, and in the line of his work has traveled extensively. He represents one of the best companies of the kind in the country. A. D. Baker, the head of the company bearing his name, is a pioneer and a veteran in designing and constructing machinery, and some of the greatest advances in steam engine building have been brought about through his inventive genius. He built his first steam engine in 1884 and has been building engines and machinery ever since. The company specializes in building the Baker gas tractor engine and the Baker Steel Hyatt roller bearing equipped grain thresher, and is widely known for its unequaled Baker valve gear. Mr. Baker received his first patent on a valve gear in 1903, and the first application of the gear to a locomotive was made on the Toledo, St. Louis & Western Railroad in 1908. It passed through a period of experiment and in 1910 was replaced by the present Baker locomotive valve gear, which is now in use on ten thousand locomotives and has been adopted as standard by a continually increasing number of railroad companies.

On January 15, 1927, Mr. Burton was united in marriage to Mrs. Esther Sophia Herbert, a native of Kewanee, Illinois, and a daughter of Noah E. and Hulda Swanson, both of whom were natives of Sweden. The father came alone to the United States at the age of twenty years, settling in Henry county, Illinois, where he has followed farming to the present time. They have three children living, namely: Anna, the wife of Charles Faber, a farmer of Milnor, North Dakota, and they have one son, Ralph; Emma, the wife of Martin Chinberg, of Gowrie, Iowa, and they have three children, Garfield, Phyllis and Virginia; and Mrs. Burton. By a former marriage Mrs. Burton is the mother of a daughter, Edna C. Herbert, who was born at Kewanee, Illinois, April 16, 1912. While a resident of Des Moines, Iowa, Mrs. Burton was a member of the Silver String Serenaders, one of the best string orchestras in that state, and which for two years regularly broadcasted over WHO for the Bankers Life Insurance

Company of Des Moines. Emil Anderson, an uncle of Mrs. Burton, now living in Kewanee, Illinois, is a veteran of the Spanish-American and World wars. He became a first sergeant and is now with the post office department. Mr. Burton is a member of Evening Shade Lodge, No. 312, A. F. & A. M., at Sioux City, Iowa; Sioux City Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Abu Bekr Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Sioux City. He is a man of ripe judgment and of much practical experience in the particular field which he represents, and is uniformly respected wherever known.

WILLIAM FORD, JR.

One of the substantial and influential business men of Peoria is William Ford, Jr., who has long been prominent in commercial and financial circles and is now president of the Farmers' Savings, Loan and Homestead Association of this city. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 7th of February, 1849, and is a son of William and Harriet (Trowbridge) Ford. His paternal grandparents were William and Harriet Ford, both of whom were natives of England. The grandfather and two of his sons, William and Henry, came to the United States in 1837, and located in Cincinnati, Ohio. The grandmother remained in England until the following year, when with another son, James, and a daughter, Harriet, she joined her husband in Cincinnati. They died respectively, in 1854 and 1843. William Ford, father of William, Jr., began working in England as a furrier when a mere lad. Upon coming to America at the age of sixteen years, he went to Ashtabula, Ohio, where he was employed as a furrier and capmaker. At the end of a year, in 1838, his mother having reached Cincinnati, he went to that city, where he remained until 1863. There he married Harriet Trowbridge, who was a native of Painted Post, New York. During the early years of the Civil war he took an active part in military affairs and became a member of the Home Guards. In 1863, he came to Peoria, Illinois, where he engaged in the lard and candle business. Two years later he sold out and went to work in a leather manufacturing store for his brother Henry. Later he bought property across

from the post office, on Main street, and engaged in the retail grocery business, which he conducted until 1902, when he retired, and his death occurred in 1911. To William Ford, Sr., and his wife were born thirteen children, all of whom are deceased but two: William, Jr.; and Harriet, who was born in Peoria, and is the widow of George Ruhaak and the mother of a daughter, Margaret. They live in Peoria and in the fall of 1929 they took an extended trip to the Philippine Islands.

William Ford, Jr., was educated in the public schools and Cole's Business College and then became associated with his father in the grocery business. Since his retirement from that business he has been actively interested in the Farmers' Savings, Loan and Homestead Association, of Peoria, of which he has been president since 1911. He has been an active member of the Central Christian Church since 1867, a period of sixty-four years, in which he has filled every church office, being also active in the Sunday school. Since the fall of 1902 he has lived at 500 Sixth street.

On June 22, 1871, Mr. Ford was united in marriage to Miss Pocahontas Reding, a native of Peoria and a daughter of Peter Conover and Christiana (Shepler) Reding, all three of whom are deceased. Peter Conover Reding was born in Kentucky, and at the age of twelve years he drove a team when his parents migrated with their family to Illinois. They located on timber land near Old Princeton. After clearing his land and reaping his crops, the elder Reding took his wheat from Old Princeton to Chicago. The Reding family arrived in Illinois in 1822 and were numbered among the earliest settlers in their section of the state. Christiana (Shepler) Reding, mother of Mrs. William Ford, Jr., was a member of the Samuel Shepler family that came from Pennsylvania on a keel-boat to Peoria in 1833 and settled in what has been known as Averyville.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Ford, Jr., were born five children, all of whom are living, as follows: Alice Maud, Winnie Irene, Mabel Pocahontas, William Harold Reding and Neva Christiana. Alice Maud is the wife of Melville W. Rotchford, supervising manager of the Western Demurrage and Storage Bureau, and they had five children; Ralph Melville, who died at the age of ten;

James Robert, who married Helen Lucille Campbell and lives in Wheaton, Illinois; Mabelle Maurine; William Ford; and Alice Maud. Winnie Irene Ford is teaching in the public schools of Peoria. Mabelle is the wife of Edward N. Miller, a public accountant of Peoria, and they had two children: William Ford Miller, who was drowned at the age of sixteen years; and Miriam, who is the wife of Raymond E. Fouts, of Peoria, and the mother of a daughter, Miriam Ellen. William Harold Reding Ford, demurrage supervisor for the Illinois Terminal Railroad System, married Ada Josephine Hankins, of Peoria, and they have had four children: Wilma Josephine, who died at the age of five years; William Reding; Harriet; and John Harold, who died at the age of five months. Neva Christiana is the wife of Robert H. Cowling, Junior member of The Cowling Company, household furnishers, of Mount Carmel, Illinois, and they have three children: Wilford Marion, Robert James and Ruth Ellen.

GUY PICKINPAUGH

Thoroughly familiar with the mechanical end of the automotive business, Guy Pickinpaugh is also a forceful executive head and is known throughout Schuyler county as the organizer and head of the Pickinpaugh Motor Company, one of Rushville's rapidly growing commercial enterprises. Born in Seibert, Kit Carson county, Colorado, August 28, 1892, he is a son of Marion Pickinpaugh and a grandson of John Pickinpaugh, the founder of the family in Illinois. A native of Noble county, Ohio, the grandfather was born February 13, 1833, and obtained a limited education. At the age of nineteen John Pickinpaugh bought his time from his father, to whom he paid the sum of two hundred dollars, to be taken out of his share of the estate, and started to learn the trade of a carpenter. He first visited Illinois in 1853 but due to illness returned to his home near Caldwell, Ohio, soon afterward. His second trip to this state was made in 1855, at which time he settled in Schuyler county, and a year later purchased a sawmill, which he operated until the outbreak of the Civil war. Enlisting in 1861, he joined Company D of the One



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Hundred and Fifteenth Regiment of Illinois Infantry and afterward was transferred to the Fourth Battalion, while subsequently he was with the United States Engineers. He became sergeant of his company and at the close of the conflict was mustered out at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He returned to Schuyler county and found that his plant had been destroyed and sold by marauders. He bought another mill near Pleasant View, continuing in the lumber industry for several years, and also cultivated forty acres of land which he had purchased in that district. In addition he preached the Gospel, laboring effectively in behalf of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a chaplain of the Grand Army of the Republic. He championed the cause of temperance and was a man of high principles, deeply interested in movements of reform, progress and improvement. He was married November 12, 1857, to Rachel Gragg, who passed away October 14, 1877. For his second wife he chose Mrs. Mary J. (Rogers) Lorge, to whom he was married March 10, 1880, and her demise occurred August 15, 1898.

Marion Pickinpaugh, a son of the first marriage, was born on the home place in Camden township, Schuyler county, July 29, 1860, and engaged in general farming and stock raising. As a breeder of hogs he was particularly successful and is now living retired in Macomb, Illinois. He has held various offices in the Free Methodist Church and is allied with the republican party. For a number of years he was a school director, doing all in his power to further the educational progress of his district, and in all matters of citizenship is loyal and public-spirited. His wife, Amanda (Dunlavy) Pickinpaugh, was born in Schuyler county March 29, 1861, and became a teacher—a vocation followed by many of her forbears in the paternal line. Her father, James Dunlavy, died when she was four years of age and her mother, a Miss Glandon, was a member of a family whose representatives were farmers, mill owners and merchants. James Glandon, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Pickinpaugh, was a native of Ohio and came up the Mississippi river to Illinois, settling in Schuyler county at an early period in its history. He was one of the men who laid out the town of Brooklyn, Illinois, where he conducted a sawmill for some time, and his son, John Glandon, built the

first bridge there. Mr. and Mrs. Marion Pickinpaugh had a family of eight children: Harry, who was born June 8, 1888, and died July 15, 1919; Guy; Beulah Rachel, who is the wife of Harold Caldwell and lives near Industry, Illinois; Ruth Hazel, now Mrs. Clarence McCutcheon, of Plymouth, Illinois; Lois, who married Harold Frowein and makes her home in Macomb, Illinois; one who died in infancy; Lloyd C., a resident of Camp Point, this state; and Howard, of Industry.

Guy Pickinpaugh was a pupil in the schools of Schuyler county and at intervals attended the State Normal at Macomb during a period of four years, joined its literary club and also participated in its dramatic work. In 1910 he left that institution of learning, having been appointed a census enumerator, and when the work was completed he returned to the home place, which he assisted in developing for two years. He then followed the occupation of farming independently for a year and next took a course in the Sweeney Automobile School in Kansas City, Missouri, where he was graduated in 1915. He acted as assistant instructor in oxy-acetylene welding at that school, with which he was identified until July, 1915, when he went to Golden City, Missouri, to accept a position in a garage but remained there only a short time. Returning to Illinois, he was employed in the Wright Garage at Rushville until April 1, 1917, when he took over the Hoffman motor garage and machine shop, the predecessor of the Pickinpaugh Motor Company. While Mr. Hoffman owned the place it was strictly a machine shop and specialized in automobile work, although for a few years prior to 1917 he had the local agency for Hupmobiles.

About a year after acquiring the business Mr. Pickinpaugh leased the shop to Charles Doyle and on the 10th of May, 1918, entered the army. Enlisting from Rushville, he was sent first to Jefferson Barracks in Missouri and later to Camp MacArthur at Waco, Texas, where he joined the Sixty-fourth Machine Gun Company, a unit of the Seventh Division, with which he went to France. The transport on which he sailed was eight days in making the trip and following his arrival in France he became ill with pneumonia. Afterward he was with the headquarters troops of the Seventh Division and later was transferred to the

Seventh M. O. R. S. at Pont-à-Mousson, a town in the department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, France. He sailed for home on the battle cruiser Montana, landing at Brooklyn, New York, June 30, 1919, and was honorably discharged at Camp Grant, Illinois, July 30.

Meanwhile Mr. Doyle had made a failure of the Rushville business, which was taken over by Enoch Dodge, who had signed his guarantee, and the latter remained in charge until August 1, 1919, when Mr. Pickinpaugh resumed control of the establishment. He continued it as a repair shop until October, 1920, when he secured the Buick agency, retaining this for ten years. In 1922 he had also become a Chevrolet dealer and since 1930 has handled only this line of sales merchandise. Originally the shop fronted to the west one block from the square but in 1925 additional space was rented and the front was opened toward the east, just one block from the former front, making the present business a block long. Since Mr. Pickinpaugh's return from the war the concern which he heads has grown and prospered until it now probably does more business than any other automobile agency in Schuyler county, selling in normal conditions about one hundred cars a year. His company has the agency for the entire county and also handles gasoline and oil, likewise doing general repair work. The firm has about fourteen people on its pay-roll, including salesmen, mechanics, office help and service men, and the organization functions efficiently in all of its departments, reflecting the initiative, the progressive spirit, the straightforward methods and the business acumen of its owner and directing head.

Mr. Pickinpaugh was married June 30, 1921, to Miss Helena Munson, who was born in Astoria, Illinois, August 4, 1893, and completed a course in the Rushville high school, continuing her studies in the Illinois Women's College at Jacksonville, where she received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1913. A capable and successful educator, she was in succession a teacher in the Chad-dock Boys School at Quincy for two years, an instructor at Rushville for two years, a principal here for a similar length of time, a teacher at Danville for a year and also at Dundee, Illinois, for a year. Her father, Dr. Henry O. Munson, was born in Potsdam, St. Lawrence county, New York, August 14, 1867, and when

very young journeyed westward with his parents, George A. and Harriet (Wetmore) Munson, who settled upon a farm in Iowa. In Grinnell, that state, he completed his high school education and then attended the medical college of the University of Minnesota, continuing his studies in the Hahnemann Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1890. After practicing medicine and surgery in Wisconsin for four years he took a course in the Chicago Post-Graduate College and then followed his profession in Astoria, Illinois, for a time. In 1894 he removed to Rushville and here he has maintained an office for more than three and a half decades, meanwhile furthering his scientific knowledge by study in London, England, in 1897 and post-graduate work in New York city in 1918. Dr. Munson has utilized every opportunity to perfect himself in his profession and his steadily developing powers have placed him with the foremost physicians and surgeons of Illinois. His practice was interrupted in 1918, when he enlisted, and on August 1 he received a captain's commission. Called upon for active military duty September 5, 1918, he was sent to New York as a member of the medical corps of the United States Army and sailed for France on the 6th of October. He was on duty at Le Havre as a camp surgeon until the signing of the armistice and was mustered out at Camp Taylor near Louisville, Kentucky, February 5, 1919. Dr. Munson has since practiced continuously in Rushville and in addition to caring for his many patients he is capably discharging the duties of county coroner. The members of the Schuyler County Medical Society have chosen him as their president, which office he now holds, and he also belongs to the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In the work of the Rushville Community Club he takes an active part and is likewise identified with the American Legion, the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church and maintains an independent attitude in politics, placing the qualifications of a candidate before party ties. Hunting, fishing and other outdoor sports afford him the necessary relaxation and diversion. On Christmas day of 1890, Dr. Munson was married to Miss Jennie C. Cleary, who was born near Princeton, Missouri, August 24,

1867, and prepared for the career of an educator by taking a course in the Normal School at Kirksville, that state, subsequently teaching in North Dakota for several years. The family of Dr. and Mrs. Munson numbers three daughters: Helena, who married Guy Pickinpaugh; Marian Annette, who was born November 13, 1897, and is the wife of J. Gordon Smith of Plant City, Florida, and the mother of two children, Marian Ann and Joan; and Harriett Fay, who is now Mrs. Reginald Klatt, of Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickinpaugh have one child, Dorcas Jane, born April 7, 1930. The parents are active members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Pickinpaugh is serving on its official board, while his wife belongs to its Missionary Society. Fraternally he is a Mason and formerly was affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1921 he was made commander of the local post of the American Legion and Mrs. Pickinpaugh is connected with the woman's auxiliary of that organization. She has held office in the Eastern Star and is also identified with the Woman's Club of Rushville. Mr. Pickinpaugh is a member of the Rushville Community Club and the Chicago Motor Club. Politically he is a republican but is not active in the affairs of the party, feeling that his business requires his undivided attention, and his energy, ability and integrity have carried him far in his chosen field of endeavor. Moreover, he has a pleasing personality and the qualities which make for esteem and friendship.

EUGENE WHITING

Eugene Whiting, who served as clerk of the circuit court of Fulton county for a period of twenty-three years prior to his death, was widely recognized as an exceptionally capable public official and as one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Lewistown. He was born in Boonville, Missouri, in February, 1869, his parents being the Rev. Charles and Lucy (Webb) Whiting, the former a native of Boston, Massachusetts, and the latter of Virginia. Rev. Charles Whiting held a number of important

pastorates as a minister of the Baptist Church. He was pastor of the church at Quincy, Illinois, for five years, and in 1879 became pastor of the Baptist Church in Canton, Illinois, remaining there until his death in 1892, at the age of sixty-three years. He was an able man, an eloquent preacher and an efficient pastor. His widow survived him for two decades, passing away in 1912, at the age of eighty-two years. To them were born eight children, three of whom are living: Charles, a resident of Elgin, Illinois; Rev. John Whiting, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of Peoria; and Mrs. Emma Stewart, of Harvey, Illinois.

Eugene Whiting attended the public schools of Canton, graduating from high school in 1888, after which he took a course in shorthand and typewriting. He was employed in the office of a coal company during 1892-93, and in 1894 was elected city clerk of Canton, in which capacity he served for six years. Subsequently he was identified with journalistic interests as one of the owners of the Canton Gazette for about two years, while from 1904 until 1908 he traveled over Illinois in the capacity of state factory inspector. On December 1, 1908, he became clerk of the circuit court of Fulton county, and by six successive reelections was retained in that office throughout the remainder of his life, an indisputable testimonial to his ability, efficiency and popularity. The position which he held is an important and responsible one, but his long experience enabled him to discharge his duties in a very capable manner.

On the 14th of October, 1896, Mr. Whiting was united in marriage to Miss Beulah Hemenover, of Canton, Illinois. Their son, Charles Marcus, born October 8, 1904, is a graduate of Knox College of Galesburg and also of the Harvard Law School. He received college honors at both institutions and is now a successful attorney of Lewistown.

Mr. Whiting gave his political allegiance to the republican party, figured actively in civic affairs of his community and was a past president of the Lewistown Kiwanis Club. A worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, he held membership in the following bodies: Canton Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Peoria. He was likewise affiliated with

Canton Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Canton Elks Club. Widely known as a fraternal lecturer, Mr. Whiting frequently appeared before lodges at social functions and schools of instruction. He regularly attended Masonic meetings in Peoria. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church in Canton, but as there is no society of that denomination in Lewistown, they affiliated with the Presbyterian Church following their removal to the latter place. Mr. Whiting started a Bible class in the Sunday school of the Presbyterian Church in 1914 and taught is for twelve years. He was a man of earnest purpose, straightforward and consistent in conduct, and was held in very high esteem in the circles in which he moved. His death occurred March 8, 1931, when he was sixty-two years of age.

LEWIS THOMPSON

The distinction of being the oldest real estate dealer in Fulton county belongs to Lewis Thompson of Canton who has followed that line of effort here for the past forty-two years and in connection has handled loans and insurance. He was born in Canton, on the 10th of May, 1848, a son of James M. and Ann R. (Fleming) Thompson. The father was a native of New Jersey, but came to Canton, from New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1847. He was at first identified with the hotel business, but later became a farmer. His father, James M. Thompson, who was a cooper by trade, was one of the early settlers here.

Lewis Thompson attended the schools of Fulton county, but when only thirteen years old left home to enlist in the Union Army, but was brought back by his father. He remained on the home farm until 1888, when he moved to Canton and engaged in the real estate, loan and insurance business in which he has continued to the present time. During this period he has handled a large amount of both town and country property, and possessing a good knowledge of values, has been able to render his clients great assistance. He has placed many thousands of dollars in

loans in this section of the country, and has also written a vast amount of insurance, being the local representative of some of this country's oldest and largest insurance companies. Although he has conducted a successful business along these lines, his greatest interest is in agriculture. He is the owner of four hundred acres of fine farm land in Fulton county and derives much pleasure from its management. He is a lover of horses and horse racing and enjoys outdoor life.

On September 10, 1874, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bailey, who was born in Canton, January 9, 1849, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (King) Bailey, who were pioneers of Canton, where her father was one of the first building contractors. Mrs. Thompson was a member of the third class to graduate from the Canton high school, and for several years thereafter she taught school. She takes an active interest in local affairs, is an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Altruistic Club of Canton. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are the parents of two children. Clara Edna is the wife of Floyd F. Putnam, of 325 West Chestnut street, Canton, and Fred B., who was born in Canton June 14, 1876, was educated in the public schools of Canton, attending high school for three and a half years, after which he was a student in the University of Illinois for one year. While in high school and college he took a leading part in athletics and was the champion bicycle racer of central Illinois, following that sport for three years. While at the university, he was a member of the track team, an active participant in bicycle races, and a member of the university band. In high school he played on the football team. He was also the manager of the famous P. & O. band of Canton for three years. He was on the road with a band for two years and when the Spanish-American war broke out he was a member of the band of the Fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. After the war he was with the Smith Brothers' circus for two years, and in 1899 and 1900 was with Gentry Brothers' dog and pony show. For about six months he was with the Syrup of Pepsin Band of Monticello, Illinois, returning to Canton to become associated with his father in the real estate, loan and insurance business. He is also secretary of the Mutual Loan

and Homestead Association of Canton. He is a republican in his political views, attends the Presbyterian Church, and is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Rotary Club, the Canton Country Club, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Christian Association. He is a studious reader particularly of economic subjects, and is actively interested in civic matters.

On December 23, 1901, Fred B. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Kathryn B. Kissack, who was born February 4, 1882, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kissack. She was educated in the grade and high schools of Monticello, is fond of reading and traveling, as well as outdoor life, and is very active in social affairs. Her nephew, James L. Kissack, who was born on December 4, 1919, and is attending school, makes his home with her.

Lewis Thompson is a strong republican in his political views, has served several terms as road commissioner, and has been very active in local politics to the present time. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, is a charter member of the Canton Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Straightforward and honorable in every relation of life, he has always commanded public confidence and is recognized as one of Canton's representative citizens.

JOHN H. BOYD

John H. Boyd is one of the oldest and most highly respected business men of Peoria, where for over a third of a century he has been engaged in the plumbing business. He was born in this city, on the 14th of February, 1874, and is a son of Hugh T. Boyd, a native of Ireland, who was there reared to the age of eleven years, when he accompanied his parents, John H. and Mary Boyd, on their emigration to the United States. They located in Peoria, Illinois, where lived two brothers and a sister who had preceded the rest of the family to this country. Samuel Boyd, a brother of Hugh T., became connected with the railroad

business, being assistant general manager of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific at the time of his death, in 1926. His wife also is deceased, leaving a daughter, who now resides in Des Moines, Iowa. Hugh T. Boyd learned the machinist's trade in the shops of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad in Peoria, with which company he remained for thirty-five years. In 1887 he removed to Nebraska and later to Kansas, where for some years he was engaged in the grocery business. He then entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company at Washington, Kansas, remaining with that corporation for twenty-five years, or to the time of his retirement. He still resides in Washington. His wife passed away in 1881. They had five children. Hugh T., Jr., who is with the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad as general agent in the traffic department, with offices in the Commercial National Bank building, Peoria, has three children, two of whom, Wilbert and Hugh, Jr., served in the World war, the former with the army in France and the latter in the navy. Wilbert is now connected with the Allan Lumber Company, of Peoria, and Hugh, Jr., makes his home in Columbus, Ohio. Margaret is the wife of John Brown, who is with the Standard Oil Company at Concordia, Kansas, and they are the parents of a son, Dr. Francis Brown, of Concordia; Charles, who died in 1925, had married Miss Pearl Jones, of Concordia, Kansas, and they had three children, who still reside there with their mother; James is engaged in the garage business in Washington, Kansas; and John H., completes the family. After the death of his first wife, Hugh T. Boyd was again married, to which union were born three daughters and a son.

John H. Boyd attended the public schools of Peoria, graduating from high school, after which he learned the plumbing trade. Thirty-four years ago he engaged in business on his own account and has a well equipped shop at 324 South Washington street. He employs none but experienced and competent workmen, and during the passing years he has commanded his full share of the local business in his line, due not only to the uniformly high quality of his work, but also to the soundness of his business methods.

On June 9, 1897, Mr. Boyd was united in marriage to Miss

Mary Sheehan, of Peoria, a daughter of John and Bridget Sheehan. Her father is deceased and the mother still resides in Peoria. Mrs. Boyd had a brother, Thomas J. Sheehan, a machinist of Peoria, who married Miss Mary Manning, of this city. Mr. Boyd has been prominent and influential in the councils of the democratic party, but has never been an aspirant for the honors or emoluments of public office, though he served in 1902-3 as school inspector from the sixth ward. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America and the Woodmen of the World, and he and his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church. He is a stanch and loyal citizen, can always be counted upon in his support of those things which contribute to the public welfare and is regarded as one of Peoria's solid and substantial citizens.

LEWIS THOMPSON & SON

Among Canton's old and substantial business concerns is that of Lewis Thompson & Son, which has been in existence for over four decades. The beginning of this business was largely accidental. In 1889 Edmond P. Thompson platted an addition to Canton, and the lots were sold by Lewis Thompson, who thereafter continued to handle real estate and was soon in command of a growing business. In 1892 he added insurance, and later loans, all three departments being handled in this office. In 1905 Lewis Thompson also platted an addition to the city and sold the lots, and the business has grown steadily through the years, until today the firm is handling an enormous amount of city and farm property, mostly in Fulton county. They handle all kinds of insurance, representing many strong companies, and they also finance farmers when desired. Lewis Thompson and his son, Fred B. Thompson, have built up a business of which they have just reason to be proud, and throughout this section of the valley they are known as a substantial and thoroughly dependable concern.

In 1912 the Mutual Loan and Homestead Association was organized in Canton, with A. E. Taff, George Wilson, C. R. Beam,

J. C. Beam, Sr., W. T. Hanlin and C. A. Seaton as charter members. The first directors were: J. C. Beam, Sr., A. E. Taff, J. H. Fitzgerald, C. A. Seaton, C. R. Beam, George Wilson, C. F. Eyrley, L. H. Gillett and W. H. Luker, and the first officers were: J. C. Beam, Sr., president; A. E. Taff, vice president; W. T. Hanlin, secretary; and J. H. Fitzgerald, treasurer. In 1918 Fred B. Thompson became the secretary of the association and still holds that office, in which he has been assisted by B. M. Wooddell for the past ten years. The present official roster of the Association is as follows: A. E. Taff, president; George Wilson, vice president; J. H. Fitzgerald, treasurer; Fred B. Thompson, secretary; A. E. Taff, George Wilson, J. H. Fitzgerald, John Heckard, E. H. Negley, C. H. Wason, C. F. Eyrley, F. A. Cobleigh, and C. A. Seaton, directors. The Association has had a healthy and satisfactory growth, as shown by the following table of assets: 1913, \$2,435; 1915, \$24,011; 1917, \$60,115; 1919, \$103,446; 1921, \$258,071; 1923, \$420,866; 1925, \$530,780; 1927, \$645,054; 1929, \$761,598; 1930, \$810,867. The report also shows that the number of shares in force at the close of the last fiscal year were seventeen thousand, three hundred and seventy-two, and that the receipts and disbursements for the year amounted to \$420,389.

NICHOLAS E. BORN

Nicholas E. Born, of the Born-Reid-Morgan Company, is one of Peoria's enterprising and progressive business men and has achieved success in his present field of effort. He was born in Coblenz, Germany, November 1, 1883, and is a son of Joseph John and Christine Born, also natives of Coblenz, where they were reared and married. They came to the United States in 1885 and located in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where the father was employed in the shipyards for some time, later becoming a stationary engineer. He and his wife still reside in Sheboygan. Besides Nicholas E. Born they had the following children: Philip A., the eldest son, who died in November, 1928, was the founder of the Philip A. Born Company, a wholesale drug company of Chicago, which now has twenty-six retail stores in that city. He

married Miriam Parker, of Parkersburg, Iowa, a daughter of Peola Pascal Parker, after whom the town of Parkersburg was named, and they became the parents of four children, Marion, Philip, Jr., Richard W., and Helen. Robert A. Born the vice president and manager of the Born-Reid-Morgan Company of Peoria, married Ruth Zimmer, of Chicago, where her family has long been prominent. Jacob C. is married and is engaged in the wholesale shoe and leather business under the name of Hanson, Born & Company. Joseph J., Jr., manager at Indianapolis, Indiana, for the Kohler Manufacturing Company, of Kohler, Wisconsin, married Miss Catherine Westfall and they have two children, Elaine and Dorris.

Nicholas E. Born attended the grammar schools of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, after which he had a news agency for a while. When nineteen years of age he went to Chicago, where he served as a reporter on the old Record-Herald, the Tribune and the Examiner. In 1907 he went to work in the Chicago branch of the National Lead Company, first as a clerk and later as a salesman. Subsequently he went with the Sherwin-Williams Paint Company and was sent to Indianapolis, where he represented them until 1916. He then became one of the organizers of the Born-Reid-Morgan Company, at 328 South Adams street, Peoria, where the business is still located. They carry a general line of paints, varnishes, glass, linoleums and floor coverings, selling to the wholesale and retail trades. The firm occupies three floors and basement and has several warehouses in the rear of the retail store on Washington street. This company is a subsidiary of the Morgan Manufacturing Company of Peoria, which manufactures paints and varnishes, which the firm ships throughout the middle west, as well as supplying local consumption in and near Peoria.

On June 29, 1912, Mr. Born was united in marriage to Miss Nan Ellen Hughes, a daughter of John W. and Susan B. Hughes. They have three children. Eugenia Frances, born at Indianapolis Indiana, September 21, 1915, now in high school; and Susan Mary, born May 12, 1917, in Peoria, and Robert Thomas, born July 9, 1919, both in school. The wife and mother died August 28, 1928. She was born in Watertown, South Dakota, where her

father was a contractor and builder, erecting many of the best buildings and schools in that locality. Mrs. Born taught school in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for several years prior to her marriage. Mr. Born is a member of the Lions Club, the Creve Coeur Club and the Association of Commerce and he possesses to a marked degree the personal qualities which make for esteem and friendship.

FRANK B. TOMPKINS

Frank B. Tompkins, who has served for sixteen years as chief inspector for the Peoria Board of Trade, has had many years of experience and is a very important factor in the successful operation of that organization. He was born at Elmwood, Peoria county, Illinois, October 25, 1876, his parents being John Bissel and Sarah (Blakesley) Tompkins. The Blakesley family is of old Revolutionary stock. Joseph Blakesley, the maternal grandfather of Frank B. Tompkins, came in a covered wagon from Ohio to Illinois, settling near Elmwood, where he engaged in farming. Later he became a prominent business man of Peoria. He was a republican in politics, took a keen interest in local public affairs and held various offices in the city government.

The following genealogy of the Tompkins family was written by Dr. C. B. Tompkins: "There were two brothers living in England in the time of George II. One of the brothers went to Ireland, whence came the Irish Tompkinses. The other brother came to America with a grant from King George II of the whole of Staten Island. Staten Island remained in the possession of the oldest son in succession until the Revolutionary war. At this time the younger sons had moved into New Jersey and were all active, firm patriots. Those remaining on Staten Island remained loyal to the crown, and when independence was established they lost their title to the island. There were five brothers at the time of the rebellion in New Jersey: Joseph, Benjamin, two whose names are unknown and Simeon. The youngest, Simeon Tompkins, had accumulated some wealth and did not enter so zealously into the cause of the patriots for fear of losing his property.



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"The oldest brother, Joseph Tompkins, also had considerable property in New Jersey which was all taken from him by the British, for he was one of the most energetic of the colonial party. At one time when New Jersey was overrun by the British, twelve men were appointed by the colonial party to consider what was the interest and duty of the commonwealth of New Jersey, under the circumstances. Joe Tompkins was one of that number. They met and discussed the matter, and at one time eleven of them were in favor of giving up the cause, thinking it was useless to strive against the power that was over them. But Joseph Tompkins declared he never would submit again to the rule of the British over him, and after further discussion they decided to fight it out. After this action, for eight months Joseph Tompkins never dared to remain in his own house over night, and, by his cunning in always avoiding the British scouts who were frequently sent out to capture him and also the New Jersey tories, who also desired his death and laid the trouble of their state to his actions, he received the name of 'Fox Joe.' After peace was declared he recovered most of his property taken by the British.

"The second brother, Benjamin Tompkins (great-great-grandfather of Frank B. Tompkins), was a surgeon in the federal army. He married Elizabeth Bridge, and had two children, John and Jacob. Benjamin Tompkins died from over-exertion and fatigue at the hospital on Delaware river above Philadelphia. His widow, Elizabeth, afterwards voted for Thomas Jefferson for president, as war widows had the right of suffrage for presidents.

"Their first son, John, was a sea captain and came to his death in a very romantic way. At one time his vessel was in New York harbor and he went to Philadelphia to visit a young lady whom he was engaged to marry. But two young men of his acquaintance, for a joke, wrote letters to him and her and signed the other's name, which caused such trouble between them that John started back to New York. The young men, seeing that they had gone too far with their joke, got a horse and buggy and started after John to straighten up the matter, but before they overtook him their horses ran away and killed one of the boys (broke his neck), so they did not reach John Tompkins. A few nights after this John Tompkins was returning from New

York to his vessel, slipped off the plank into the water and was drowned before assistance could reach him.

“Jacob Tompkins married Miss Abigail Dean. Her father, Daniel Dean (great-great-grandfather of Frank B. Tompkins), came from Holland. He was a Baptist minister and enlisted in the war as a private. His wife’s name was Hannah. They had seven children: Samuel; Eunice, who married a Mr. Tilton; Calvin; Abigail, who married Jacob Tompkins; Luther; Daniel; and Hannah. Daniel Dean, Sr., was wounded at the battle of Yorktown, and died of his wounds before reaching home.

“Jacob Tompkins, the second of the two sons born to Benjamin and Elizabeth (Bridge) Tompkins, was a great-grandfather of Frank B. Tompkins. He married Miss Abigail Dean at Newark, New Jersey, about 1795, and they became the parents of thirteen children, mentioned below. (1) Mary gave her hand in marriage to Leoma Fulton in Athens county, Ohio, and was the mother of three children: Daniel, John and Amanda. (2) Calvin Dean Tompkins was married at Clyde, New York, and had five children: Electa, Daniel, William, Rhoda and John. (3) Luther Dean Tompkins ran away from home at the age of fifteen, and was last heard of in the United States Army at Fort Meggs, Indian Territory. It is supposed he was killed by the Indians. (4) Able Meaker Tompkins married in Columbia, Ohio, and located near Lima. To him and his wife were born five children: Mrs. Elizabeth Gilesby, whose husband died in the army in 1862; Mrs. Lamar Rains; Lafayette, who served in the United States Army in 1862 and died shortly after returning home; Margarette Tompkins, who died young; and Malvina, the wife of Henry Clay, who also served in the army in 1862. (5) Elizabeth Bridge Tompkins became the wife of a Mr. Baker, with whom she took up her abode in Marion county, Ohio. She had two children, both of whom died young. (6) Daniel Dean Tompkins first married Miss Alidy Multon and had no children. Subsequently he was married to Miss Elizabeth Dutton in Richland, while he was sheriff of Marion county, Ohio. He moved to Oregon in 1846 and died at ninety years of age, leaving a large family of children and grandchildren. (7) William Shurts Tompkins was married in Clyde, New York, and had two children, William Frank and Caroline

Elizabeth. (8) John Tompkins, grandfather of Frank B. Tompkins, was married in Clyde, New York, to Miss Eliza Works. Their children were seven in number, namely: William Ingoldsby; Sarah Mariah; Charles Brown; John Bissel (father of Frank B. Tompkins); Daniel Dean; Mary M., who married W. S. McKinney; and Leon Ellen, who married A. M. Barnett. (9) Charlotte died in New York. (10) Sarah married a Mr. Clutter and had two sons and one daughter. (11) George Washington Benjamin Franklin Tompkins, M. D., died in Cincinnati while preparing plates to publish a work of his on botany. (12) Mary Malvina was married in Lima, Ohio, to Dr. McHenry. Their children were six in number: Martha, who married a Mr. Salterthwaite; Junius; Celestine; Mary; William; and Frank. (13) Amanda died young."

Daniel D. Tompkins, son of Jonathan G. Tompkins, was the sixth vice president of the United States. He was born at Scarsdale, Westchester county, New York, June 21, 1774, and died at Staten Island, New York, June 11, 1825.

John Tompkins, the paternal grandfather of Frank B. Tompkins, was a stone-mason by trade and for many years resided at Lewistown, Illinois, being one of the early settlers of that locality. His son, John Bissel Tompkins, was born at Lewistown, Illinois, and was for many years engaged in the drug business at Elmwood. Both John B. Tompkins and his wife, who was born on a farm in the vicinity of Elmwood, Illinois, are deceased. They were the parents of three sons, as follows: Blakesley, a native of Elmwood, who is a musician of note and has traveled extensively; Henry B., who was born in Peoria and who has passed away; and Frank B., whose name introduces this review. Of the above named, Blakesley Tompkins married Miss Olive Haney.

Frank B. Tompkins received a good practical education in the public schools and was a youth of sixteen years when in 1892 he became connected with the inspection department of the Peoria Board of Trade. He has continued in that work throughout the intervening period of thirty-eight years and has served as chief inspector since 1914.

Mr. Tompkins married Miss Edith M. Odell, a daughter of George B. and Martha Odell, both of whom are deceased. They

were representatives of pioneer families of Peoria and lived in this city for many years, George B. Odell being a prominent dry goods merchant here. Mr. and Mrs. Tompkins are the parents of two children: Eleanor L., who is the wife of Cecil Edmondson, of Springfield, Illinois; and John Odell, who is attending school. Fraternally Mr. Tompkins is affiliated with the Masonic order, belonging to Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He is candid and straightforward in manner, is diligent and dependable in the performance of his official duties and commands the respect of all who know him.

CHARLES T. McELWEE

Charles T. McElwee is the sole owner of one of the leading provision houses of Peoria conducted under the name of the McElwee Packing Company, in the management of which he has been very successful. Born in Warsaw, Illinois, on the 15th of May, 1869, he is a son of James F. and Johanna (O'Connor) McElwee, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father was an expert blacksmith, at which trade he worked for a number of years as an employee of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad. He gave his political support to the democratic party, and he and his wife were devout members of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

Charles T. McElwee was educated in the public schools of Peoria and on leaving school went to work in the Nicholas Hogan brickyard on Elizabeth street. Later he worked for the Moran & Haley Packing Company and then became an apprentice bricklayer under John Allen, of Peoria. Afterward Mr. McElwee was connected with the Clark Pure Rye Distillery, of this city, and later engaged in the saloon business, which he conducted for a number of years. Then he and James J. Dalton operated a brickyard, under the firm name of Dalton & McElwee, for a number of years, and from that he went into the general cement contracting business, including paving, as a member of the firm of McElwee & Rogy. He remained connected with that business

for some years and then became a member of the McDonough Packing Company. Several years later he bought the interests of his associates and reorganized the business under the name of the McElwee Packing Company. He conducts a general slaughter house and packing plant and has built up a large and steady market for his products.

On January 16, 1895, in Peoria, Mr. McElwee was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth D. Dalton, who was born and reared in Peoria, and is a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (O'Neil) Dalton, who were born in Ireland and passed away in Peoria, in which city her father had been engaged in the manufacture of brick. Mrs. McElwee received a public and high school education and took a course in Brown's Business College. Mr. and Mrs. McElwee are the parents of four children: James F., born December 3, 1895, married Miss Lucile Harmon, of Peoria, and is a member of the cement contracting firm of McElwee & Rogy; Catherine M., was born March 17, 1900; Charles T., Jr., born April 21, 1902, is a lawyer and is connected with the Lake Erie Mining Company; and Margaret M., born June 3, 1905, is a school teacher in this city. Mr. McElwee is a staunch democrat in his political views and has been active in local public affairs, having served for ten years as a member of the city park board, representing the sixth ward. He and his wife are members of St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, and they are liberal givers to all worthy benevolent or charitable causes, also supporting every movement having for its object the improvement or up-building of their community.

EVERETT M. DIRKSEN

Everett M. Dirksen holds a prominent place in civic and commercial circles of Pekin, Tazewell county, being a member of the well known bakery firm of Dirksen Brothers and also serving as a member of the city commission. He was born in this city, January 4, 1896, a son of John F. and Antje Dirksen, who were natives of Germany. His father came to the United States at the age of twenty-one years, and here followed his trade as a dec-

orator. He was prominent in local public affairs and served a number of years as a member of the city school board of Pekin. He did military service in his native land and fought in the Franco-Prussian war of 1871, during which he was wounded in the battle of Sedan. He died in Pekin in 1905. His wife, who died in 1923, was married first to Bernard Ailts, who died in this city. To that union were born eight children, only one of whom survives, Henry G. Ailts, a baker in Pekin, who is married and has three children, Elmer, Bernard and Mariana. By her marriage to Mr. Dirksen she had three children, Everett M. and Thomas R., twins, born January 4, 1896, and Benjamin H. The three brothers are partners in the baking business, which they have conducted under the name of Dirksen Brothers Bakery since 1923.

Everett M. Dirksen attended the public schools of Pekin, graduating from high school in 1913, after which he spent three and a half years at the University of Minnesota. Before his graduation he enlisted in the United States Army at Battle Creek, Michigan, January 4, 1917. He was in the third officers training camp at Battle Creek for four months, when he was transferred to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, where he spent a short time. He was then ordered overseas, landing in France May 31, 1917, and attended a French artillery school at Saumur, immediately after which he was commissioned a second lieutenant. At the end of two and a half months he was transferred to the balloon service and did observation work in several of the drives on the St. Mihiel front. Later he was transferred to General Headquarters and spent eight months in Germany where he was engaged in intelligence work. His duties were of a character and quality that gained for him a recommendation for promotion to a first lieutenancy. He received his discharge at Camp Dodge, Iowa, in due time, and on his return to Pekin became connected with and was secretary and treasurer of the Tri-Plex Washing Machine Company, Inc., of Pekin, for three years. During the following three years he was engaged in the dredging business as a private contractor, dredging the river from Beardstown to Hennepin, this state. He also studied law, but did not practice that profession. He has since been a partner in the firm of Dirk-

sen Brothers Bakery. He is also a director of the American Savings and Loan Association of Pekin. The bakery now operated by Dirksen Brothers is the oldest in the state of Illinois, having been established here eighty years ago.

Mr. Dirksen was united in marriage to Miss Luella Carver, a native of Pekin and a daughter of Alfred and Lillie Carver. After many years of successful participation in mercantile affairs, the father is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dirksen are the parents of one child, Danice Joy, born February 10, 1929.

Politically Mr. Dirksen has always supported the republican party and on May 1, 1927, was elected a city commissioner, in which capacity he is still serving. Pekin operates under the city commission system, the mayor and four others supervising and controlling the municipal affairs. On December 12, 1929, he announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for congress from the Sixteenth district, against the Hon. William E. Hull, the incumbent congressman, who has served four terms. The primary vote resulting from this contest was by far the largest primary vote ever recorded in the Sixteenth district, totaling fifty-four thousand four hundred votes. Mr. Dirksen carried Tazewell county by 1,245 and Peoria county by 1,770, but lost the upper counties of the district and was finally defeated by a majority of eight hundred. Mr. Dirksen is a member of Pekin Lodge, No. 1271, B. P. O. E., which recently dedicated its new building, costing sixty thousand dollars; the Cosmopolitan Club; the Forty and Eight; and the American Legion. In the last named he was district commander for the sixteenth district, comprising six counties and thirty-six posts, being the third largest district in the state of Illinois. Mr. Dirksen is an active member of the Presbyterian Church and has filled the pulpit of his church on several occasions. He is a writer of ability and has written and published a number of plays which have been used for amateur production all over this country. Since January 1, 1929, he has made addresses in about one hundred and fifty gatherings of various kinds, including the American Legion, farm bureaus, old settlers' meetings and school commencements, and is well received wherever he appears. In public affairs, business life and as a private citizen, he has proven a broad-minded, clear-headed man, giving

his support consistently to those things which contribute to the well-being of society and the progress of his community, while as a soldier under his country's flag he was courageous, loyal and efficient, serving under trying circumstances in a manner that gained for him the commendation of his superior officers. He is deservedly popular in his home city, to which he is giving a high type of service as commissioner, and has a host of friends throughout the community.

EDWIN H. BRADLEY, M. D.

Dr. Edwin H. Bradley, who has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Peoria since 1892, is regarded as an expert on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and commands an extensive practice. He was born on the 18th of December, 1861, at Lansdowne, Ontario, Canada, and is a son of Joseph A. and Eliza (Taylor) Bradley. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Bradley, came to America from Ireland in 1815 and settled on one thousand acres of land where the town of Lansdowne, Ontario, is now located. His son, Joseph A. Bradley, was born there, and his death occurred July 27, 1925, at the age of ninety-four years. He became one of the foremost men in promoting the early development of his locality. For over fifty years he served as postmaster of Lansdowne and was supervisor of his township for many years. He was one of the oldest Masons in Ontario, having joined Leeds Lodge, A. F. and A. M., at Gananoque, Ontario, in 1868, and in 1880 he took part in the Fenian raid. He was active in military affairs, attaining the rank of major of the Forty-second Battalion, and as a result of participation in the Fenian raid in 1880, received a medal from the dominion government and one hundred and sixty acres of land in North Ontario. During the World war he formed a company of Home Guards in the village of Lansdowne. In 1870 Mr. Bradley went to Winnipeg, which was then but a village called Fort Gavay, making the journey by train to Collingwood on Georgian Bay, by steamer to Duluth, thence north by a flat-bottomed boat to the Rainy River and Rainy Lake, and thence on foot and by Hudson Bay

coast to the present thriving city. He was an active worker in the Methodist Church and in politics was loyal to the conservative party. Mr. Bradley was married twice, his first union being with Miss Eliza Taylor, a native of Escott, Ontario, who died in 1888, leaving five children, namely: Edwin H.; James E., now a practicing dentist in Canton, Illinois. He married Miss Maud Stover, of St. Thomas, Ontario. In young manhood he joined the Northwest Mounted Police in Calgary, and served three years. He was a Mason, belonging to Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. Gordon F., deceased, was for many years a barrister in Manitoba. Dr. Joseph A., lives in Lansdowne, Ontario. Mary died at the age of twelve years. Some years after the death of his first wife Mr. Bradley married Miss Charlotte Taylor, of Escott, Ontario, who died in 1908.

Edwin H. Bradley received his early education in the public schools of Lansdowne, Ontario, and later attended high school at Sydenham. In 1882, with his father and brother James E., he went to southern Saskatchewan and took up a tract of land. They built and lived in sod houses, but at the end of two years returned home. Edwin H. then entered the medical school of the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine on June 13, 1891. In 1892 he came to Peoria as assistant to Dr. Paul Dombrowski, an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, with whom he remained for four years. Dr. Bradley then opened an office of his own and engages in the practice of his profession, specializing along the same lines, and has been distinctively successful. His first office was in the Woolner building, where he remained several years, moving in 1917 to his present location in the Lehmann building, where he has attractive and well equipped offices. For more than thirty years he has been staff surgeon of St. Francis Hospital. Dr. Bradley is the owner of two good farms, one near Chillicothe and one near Dunlap, Illinois. He takes a keen interest in raising pure bred stock, particularly Holstein cattle, of which he sold one herd to the state of Illinois. He still owns a fine herd and he is an extensive grower of corn and alfalfa.

On August 8, 1896, Dr. Bradley was united in marriage to Miss Maud M. Matthews, of Peoria, a daughter of Newton and

Ann Matthews, both of whom are deceased. Among Mrs. Bradley's ancestors were participants in the Revolutionary war. The Doctor is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He joined the Peoria Rotary Club April 26, 1913, and for seventeen years never missed a meeting; belongs to the Creve Coeur Club, and formerly was a member of the Illinois Valley Yacht and Canoe Club, which he served twice as commodore. He belongs to the Peoria Medical Society, of which he is a past president; the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has also served as a member of the board of supervisors of Peoria. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church and Mrs. Bradley is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is active in local musical circles. The Doctor is a lover of outdoor life and is partial to golf, boating, hunting and fishing as a means of recreation. Cordial and friendly in manner, he easily makes friends and throughout this community is held in high esteem.

ROBERT L. SCHOENBERGER

Robert L. Schoenberger, superintendent of the bureau of public highways of Bureau county, has shown himself in every respect well qualified for the position, for under his administration the roads have been maintained in a very satisfactory condition. Mr. Schoenberger was born at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, on the 7th of August, 1894, a son of William and Elizabeth (Lowry) Schoenberger, also natives of the Buckeye state. His father was for twenty years engaged in educational work at Upper Sandusky, but later turned his attention to farming and eventually took up the insurance business, but is now retired. The mother passed away in 1924.

Robert L. Schoenberger attended the public schools of Upper Sandusky, graduating from high school in 1913, and then spent two years at the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso. He next entered the Chicago Technical Institute, where he took courses in civil and structural engineering, graduating in 1918.

He then enlisted in the engineering department of the United States Navy, and was stationed at the Great Lakes training station, having a rating as first mate. He was discharged from active duty in January, 1919, after which he was a member of the Naval Reserve Corps until 1921. He secured a position with Prichert & Fry, a firm of consulting engineers at Little Rock, Arkansas, and in the spring of 1922 came to Princeton, accepting the office of assistant superintendent of highways. When C. L. Melcher, the superintendent, died, in 1924, Mr. Schoenberger became superintendent and has held the office to the present time. He is a progressive official, gives thoughtful and practical direction to his work, and enjoys the distinction of having kept the secondary roads of Bureau county in better condition than those of any other county in the state.

On February 4, 1921, Mr. Schoenberger was united in marriage to Miss Geraldine Toler, of Malvern, Arkansas, a daughter of William R. and Mary E. (Davis) Toler. Both parents are living and the father is a large cotton planter. Mr. and Mrs. Schoenberger have three children, Robert, born January 19, 1922; William, born July 6, 1924; and Mary, September 14, 1925. Mr. Schoenberger is a member of Princeton Lodge, F. & A. M., Princeton Chapter, R. A. M., Princeton Commandery No. 20, K. T., the American Legion and the Rotary Club, and is president of the Illinois Association of Highway Superintendents. A wide-awake and energetic man, he is genuinely devoted to the duties of his office and his record as a county official is very creditable, gaining for him the respect of the people of the county.

JAMES A. DRYDEN

James A. Dryden, one of Peoria's leading and successful business men, is president and manager of the Dryden Baking Company, and has been actively identified with his present line for the past twelve years. He was born in Alston, Canada, on the 15th of June, 1878, and is a son of Robert E. and Mary (Davidson) Dryden, now of Peoria. The father, also a native of Alston, is now retired from active business. His wife was born at La

Prairie, Illinois. Robert E. Dryden was connected with the grain elevator business in Canada for some years. From Canada he went to Lacon, Illinois, where he was married, and then returned to Canada, where he spent fourteen years, after which he came to Peoria, where he has since resided. For thirty-five years he was here connected with the city ambulance department. To him and his wife were born nine children, as follows: Robert, who died at the age of twenty years; William, who died at the age of twenty-eight years; Fred, who resides with his parents, and is connected with the city assessor's office; Raymond, at home; Harold, who is advertising manager for the Peoria Journal, and married Miss Mace McVey; Walter, assistant manager of the Twin City Tractor Company, who married Miss Emmett, of Omaha, Nebraska, and they have a son, Richard; Margaret E., who is the wife of William Musser, manager of the Peoria branch of the Harrington Roofing Company, and they have a daughter, Mary; Minnie, the wife of William Bruce, who is employed at the printing trade in Peoria, and they have two children, Mary Ann and Lucile; and James A.

James A. Dryden received his educational training in the public schools of Peoria and early in life learned the trade of candy making. He owned and managed a candy store in Peoria for eighteen months and then sold out and engaged in the grocery business, which he carried on for eight years. In 1917 he engaged in the wholesale and retail pie and bakery business, under the name of the Peoria Pie Company, the owners of which were Petty & Dryden. This proved a successful venture and in 1929 was incorporated under the name of the Dryden Baking Company, of which Mr. Dryden is president and manager, and Fred Dryden, secretary and treasurer. They have an excellent plant, equipped with modern machinery and sanitary to the highest degree. Their output amounts to fifteen hundred pies and three hundred loaves of bread daily, besides cakes and pastry.

On January 15, 1902, Mr. Dryden was united in marriage to Miss Cora E. Freeder, a daughter of James H. and Sarah Freeder, both of whom were from Troy, New York, and are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dryden are the parents of two children, Gladys, who is a graduate of high school and is now a piano teacher, and Mil-

dred, who is attending Bradley Polytechnic Institute, of Peoria, and is a violin teacher. Mr. Dryden is a member of Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and the Grotto. He also belongs to Peoria Lodge, K. P., of which he was master of finance for eight years; the United Commercial Travelers; the Associated Chamber of Commerce; and the Master Bakers' Association of Illinois. He and his family are members of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. Mr. Dryden is a liberal supporter of worthy benevolent causes and lends his influence to all movements for the betterment of the community. He has won well merited success in his business affairs and thereby has contributed to the general prosperity of his city.

JOHN R. LOFGREN

John R. Lofgren has served for the past twenty-two years as secretary of the Peoria Board of Trade, and has been connected therewith for forty-three years, during which time his loyal and capable service has gained for him the respect of his associates. He was born in this city, on the 17th of August, 1871, son of John E. and Augusta J. Lofgren, who were natives of Sweden. The father came to the United States alone in young manhood and located in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was employed as a coppersmith. After a brief period he came to Peoria and, after working for a while in various shops of this place, engaged in business on his own account. Some months later he also opened a shop in Pekin, Illinois, and managed both places for many years. His death occurred in March, 1894. His wife was reared and educated in her native country, and in September, 1870, came alone to the United States, locating in Peoria, where she met and became the wife of John R. Lofgren. They had six children, of whom one died in infancy and Charles L. died in 1911; Lillian is the wife of C. D. McGoogan, of Blue Island, Illinois, and they are the parents of three children, Raymond, Mildred and Walter, of whom Mildred was married on August 17, 1928, to Henry Ultsch and they reside in Michigan City, Indiana;

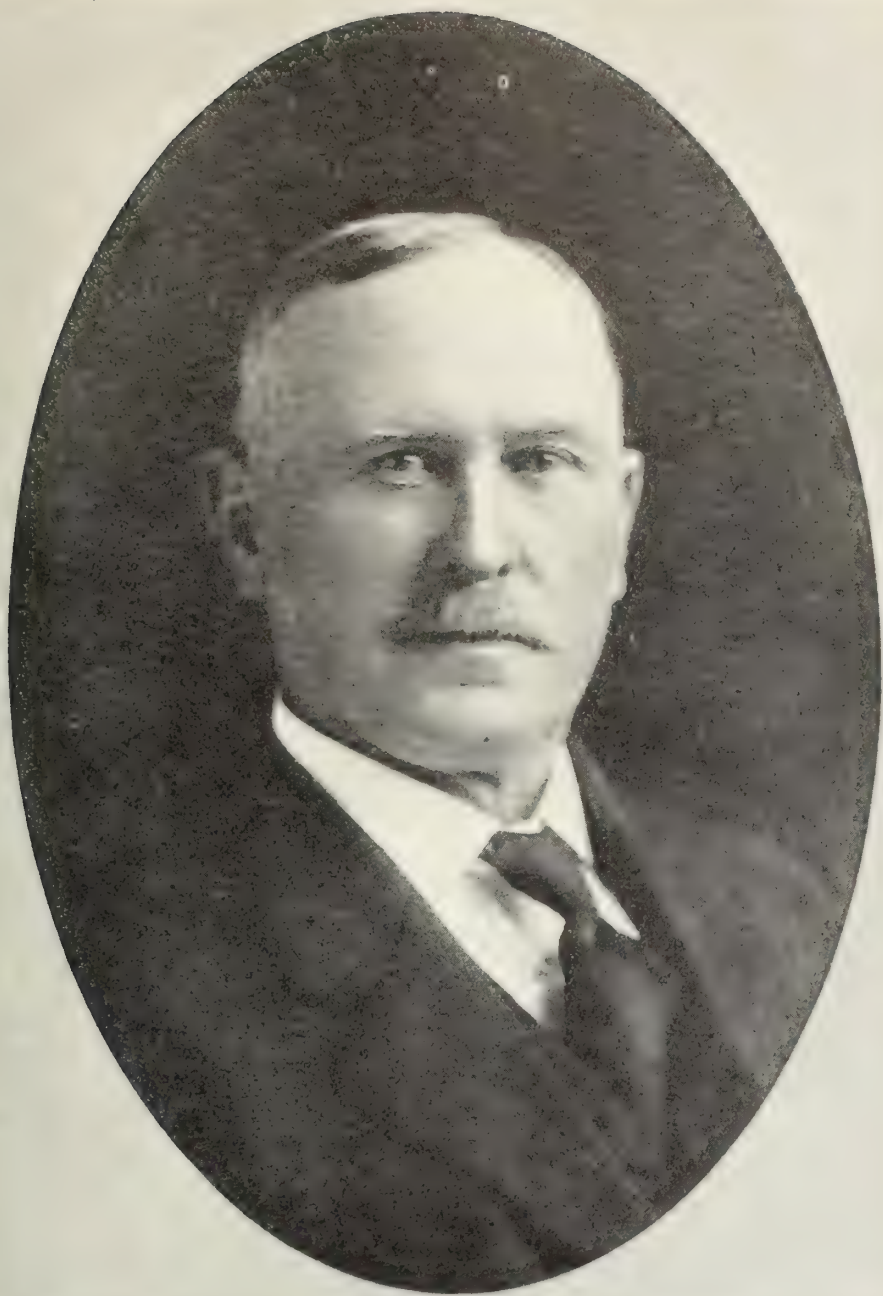
Emil A., a resident of Swan Lake, Putnam county, Illinois, married Gay Wood, and after her death married May Kraus, by whom he has a son, John E.; Henry V. lives in Blue Island, Illinois.

The other member of the family is John R. Lofgren, who received his education in the public schools of Peoria and in 1886, at the age of fifteen years, entered the employ of the Board of Trade, serving as elevator operator until the destruction of the Board of Trade building by fire in January, 1888. When the new building was ready for occupancy Mr. Lofgren was appointed messenger, and in 1907 was elected secretary, which position he has filled continuously since.

Mr. Lofgren is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Calanthe Lodge, No. 47, K. P.; the Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorassan; Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E.; the Transportation Club; and the Association of Commerce. He has proven capable and efficient under all conditions and circumstances, and the work which he has done for the Board has been greatly appreciated by its members, among whom he is deservedly popular.

JAMES B. DOOLEY

James B. Dooley is one of Peoria's most highly respected citizens and is well known in business circles, being not only an extensive dealer in coal, but also the manufacturer of a line of coal drills which are in demand throughout the coal industry, both domestic and foreign. He was born at Albion Mines, Pictou county, Nova Scotia, on the 21st of June, 1854, and is a son of Edward and Joanna (Bradshaw) Dooley. He is of the third generation of his family in this country, his paternal grandfather, James Dooley, having been born in County Wexford, Ireland, whence he came to America in young manhood. He located in Nova Scotia, where he worked in the coal mines during the remaining years of his life. His son Edward was born in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. The latter's wife, mother of James B. Dooley, was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, and came to the



James B Dooley

United States at the age of fourteen years with her parents, Richard and Mary Bradshaw, who located in Nova Scotia. Her father was a cabinetmaker by trade, at which he spent seven years as an apprentice. Joanna Bradshaw Dooley lived to the age of eighty-six years.

James B. Dooley received a very limited education in the public schools of Nova Scotia, for at the age of nine years he went to work in the mines. When thirteen years of age he went to the Lonaconing mines, in Maryland, where he remained from 1867 to 1876, when he went to Williamsburg, Kansas, where he worked in the mines for some time, followed by a period at Scranton, Kansas. He returned to Maryland, remaining for a short period and was then successively employed at Montserrat, Renick, Huntsville and Shafton, all Missouri mining towns. In 1881 he came to Peoria to work in the mines and in 1884, in association with others, started a cooperative mine below Bartonville, Peoria county, with which he remained identified for two years. He next served on the police force for two years under appointment of Mayor Kinsey, and later took a position as bridge tender on the upper bridge at Peoria, in which capacity he served for three years, when he and his brother Richard A. engaged in the retail coal business, this association continuing until the death of the brother in 1917. In 1913 Dooley Brothers purchased the business of Wantling Brothers, operated under the name of the Wantling Manufacturing Company, makers of coal drills. The firm now makes all kinds of coal drills, including electric drills of the latest and most improved kinds, which they ship to all parts of the world. Fifty of the drills were sent to Russia, while England, India, and other countries are using them. The business has grown steadily and is now one of Peoria's prosperous and important industries. Mr. Dooley has devoted his attention closely to the interests of the company and has shown himself a man of sound judgment and progressive ideas.

On February 8, 1884, Mr. Dooley was united in marriage to Miss Fredericka Schultz, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Henry and Johanna Schultz, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dooley became the parents of a son, Edward J., who was born on September 11, 1885, and died on May 13, 1929.

He married Miss Catherine O'Gorman, who was born in Peoria on July 30, 1883, and is a daughter of Charles O. and Catherine O'Gorman, both of whom are deceased. To this union were born eleven children, namely: Emma, born on October 12, 1910, and Mildred, born April 3, 1912, are both in the office of Mr. Dooley; James, born August 20, 1913; Eileen, born on January 23, 1915; Mary, born on December 22, 1916; Rita, born on August 31, 1918; Lucille, born April 10, 1920; Richard, born on June 16, 1922; Fredericka, born on August 22, 1924; Edward, born on April 27, 1926, and Eugene, born on July 23, 1929.

Mr. Dooley is a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, the Canadian Club, the Creve Coeur Club and the Kiwanis Club. During 1915-16 he was president of the Illinois and Wisconsin Coal Dealers' Association. During the World war he served as a member of the coal commission, having charge of all coal and other fuel coming into Peoria and its distribution during the coal strike of 1919. He and his family are members of St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, and he has consistently stood for and advocated those things which make for the welfare of the community. Sincerity of purpose, clearheaded judgment and honesty have characterized his business and public career and he has shown himself worthy of the high esteem in which he is held.

ERNEST CHARLES BURHANS, M. D.

Though numbered among the younger members of the medical profession, Dr. Ernest C. Burhans, of Peoria, has earned a reputation as one of the able physicians and skilled surgeons of his community and is enjoying a flattering practice. He was born in Portland, Michigan, on the 12th of September, 1899, and is a son of George W. and Cora (Sommers) Burhans, the former also a native of Portland and the latter of Pewamo, Michigan. The family has long been established in this country, its progenitors having come from Amsterdam to America in an early day and were numbered among the first settlers of Michigan. Both the paternal and maternal grandfathers fought in the Union Army during the Civil war. The parents are still living. In their

family are four children, as follows: Robert A., received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine from the University of Michigan, and is now practicing medicine in Detroit. Gene, who is a student in the University of Michigan, married Miss Marian Starbuck, of Ann Arbor, that state. Helen S., who is a graduate of Michigan State College, at Ypsilanti, is the wife of D. M. Seeley, of Chicago, a consulting engineer, and they have one child, Joan, born December 18, 1928. Mr. Seeley received his degree in engineering at Michigan State College and his Master's degree from Harvard University. Ernest Charles, of this review, completes the family.

Dr. Burhans attended the public schools of Portland and Lansing, Michigan, graduating from high school in the latter place in 1918. He completed his education in the University of Michigan, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1922 and that of Doctor of Medicine in 1924. He served as instructor in anatomy at the University of Michigan for two years, after which he served one year as interne in the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. From there he went to Philadelphia, where he spent two years in the Post-Graduate School of Surgery of the University of Pennsylvania, receiving his Master's degree in June, 1927. In September of that year he located in Peoria and opened an office at 609 Central National Bank building, and is now enjoying a large practice, particularly in surgery, in which he is regarded as exceptionally skilled and in which he is meeting with marked success.

On June 16, 1925, Dr. Burhans was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Munroe, of Portland, Michigan, the only daughter of Lewellyn and Carrie Munroe, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Burhans, who has a remarkable voice and is an accomplished singer, was graduated in music from Northwestern University, of Evanston; also studied in Cleveland, New York and Philadelphia, and spent a year in Paris under Madame Calve, returning home in August, 1929.

The Doctor is a member of the Theta Kappa Psi medical fraternity of the universities of Michigan and Pennsylvania, the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the Philadelphia County

Medical Society, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is also a member of Peoria Chapter, R. A. M. In 1918 Dr. Burhans enlisted at Lansing, Michigan, and entered the officers training camp at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, until December 12, 1918, when he was honorably discharged. He now holds a commission as captain in the medical corps of the Illinois National Guard and the Medical Reserve Corps. Since coming to Peoria he has made a host of friends who esteem him for his ability and genuine worth.

HARRY L. SEBREE

One of Canton's leading industries is the Canton Creamery, owned and operated by Harry L. Sebree, who is also extensively engaged in dairy farming in this county. He was born in Orion township, Fulton county, Illinois, on the 17th of February, 1889, and is a son of Elmer E. and Ida M. (Carver) Sebree. The father was born in the same locality, September 23, 1865, a son of Preston and Sarah Sebree, of a pioneer Fulton county family. Preston Sebree is still living. Elmer E. Sebree followed farming throughout his active life, but is now living retired in Canton. He is a republican in his political views and is a loyal and public-spirited citizen. His wife was born August 19, 1868, in Buckheart township, Fulton county, a daughter of Henry C. and Ione (Laws) Carver. Her marriage to Elmer E. Sebree occurred December 22, 1887.

Harry L. Sebree was educated in the schools of Fulton county, attending high school in Canton until 1905, when he entered the employ of the Smyser Furniture Company. He continued with that firm until 1907, when he turned his attention to dairying and farming and now has the only milk pasteurizing plant in Fulton county. It is housed in a splendid two story brick building, thirty by seventy feet, which was erected in 1925. The plant contains a five-ton ice machine and is fully equipped for pasteurizing milk and making cottage cheese, buttermilk and milk chocolate. Mr. Sebree utilizes five wagons and three trucks to bring the milk from the farm and deliver it to his customers. He employs about

fifteen people in the creamery and four men at the farm. His business has had a rapid and steady growth and he is already planning a larger and better plant to provide for the proper handling of the increasing trade.

On February 17, 1910, Mr. Sebree was united in marriage to Miss Hester A. Wysong, of Putnam township, Fulton county, a daughter of Joseph M. and Mollie (Moran) Wysong, pioneers of this county. She was born January 5, 1890, and received her educational training in the public schools of Canton and Harmison Business College. Prior to her marriage she had been employed by the O. T. Salisbury Grocery Company of Canton for one year, and by the Webster Drug Company several years. She is a member of the Fulton County Home Bureau, gives her political support to the republican party, and her interest centers chiefly in her home and family. Mr. and Mrs. Sebree are the parents of three children: Dorothy Lucile, born March 28, 1911, graduated from the Canton high school in 1928 and is now a student in Northwestern University, where she is majoring in mathematics; Charlotte Clarice, born May 30, 1913, is in the Canton high school; and George Edward was born July 17, 1926.

In his political views, Mr. Sebree is a republican and has always evinced a keen interest in public affairs affecting the welfare of his community. He belongs to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. He is a hard worker and good manager and has well earned the success which has crowned his efforts.

GUY F. LUKE

Guy F. Luke, manager of the Luke Grain Company, one of the old and prominent grain brokerage firms of Peoria, has had many years of practical experience in this line and is a man of ripe judgment in practical affairs. He was born near the town of Argyle, in Lee county, Iowa, on the 27th of February, 1890, and is a son of John C. and Minnie (Garverich) Luke. His father was born at Galesburg, Illinois, June 15, 1869, and came from sterling old French stock, his parents having been natives of

Alsace-Lorraine, where they were reared. In their early married life they came to the United States, settling in Galesburg, Illinois, where he engaged in farming, and also dealt in real estate. John C. Luke was reared at Galesburg to the age of five years, when the family moved to St. Augustine, Illinois, where he lived until sixteen years of age. He then entered the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad as a telegraph operator at Abingdon, Illinois, and later was with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad during the construction of its main line. In 1906 he came to Peoria and entered the employ of the grain firm of Ware & Leland, and later was with the Warren Commission Company. In 1916 he incorporated the Luke Grain Company, the officers of which were John C. Luke, president and manager; Leonard Hillis, vice president; Guy F. Luke, secretary, and Bryant J. Yeck, treasurer. This proved a successful venture and the business steadily increased in volume and importance, until he became one of the best known grain dealers on the Peoria Board of Trade. He remained actively in charge until his last illness, his death occurring May 7, 1929.

In 1889, at Argyle, Lee county, Iowa, John C. Luke was married to Miss Minnie Garverich, whose family dates back in this country to 1790. Her people moved from Pennsylvania to Iowa in an early day, being numbered among the pioneers of Argyle. To Mr. and Mrs. Luke were born three children. Loy K., born November 12, 1894, who is now with the Hart Manufacturing Company of Peoria, and is a thirty-second degree Mason, married Miss Iva Reed, of Peoria; Dona, born June 15, 1905, graduated from the Bradley Polytechnic Institute in 1925, later attended an art school in Denver, Colorado, and is now at home; and Guy F. John C. Luke was a member of Stronghurst Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Stronghurst, Illinois; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Peoria; Charter Oak Camp, No. 87, M. W. A., and the Creve Coeur Club. He was an active member of the Uplands Association, which he had served as president and secretary. He was a man of sound principles and high ideals, which controlled all of his business actions, while as a citizen he stood consistently for those things which contribute to the welfare and stability of society.

Guy F. Luke attended the public schools of Peoria, graduating from high school in 1908, and at once entered his father's office in the Board of Trade building, becoming the secretary of the Luke Grain Company on its incorporation in May, 1916, and on the death of his father he became the active manager of the business, which relation he still sustains. His service was interrupted by his enlistment following the entry of the United States into the World war. He was in training at Syracuse, New York, three months, being then transferred to Lakewood, New Jersey, where he was connected with the chemical warfare service until the close of hostilities. He was honorably discharged at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, in February, 1919, and at once returned to his business in Peoria.

Mr. Luke is a member of Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Peoria Post, No. 2, A. L. He also belongs to the Creve Coeur Club and the Peoria Country Club. A capable and dependable business man and a progressive and public-spirited citizen, he fully sustains the prestige of the family name in this locality and is very highly regarded by those who know him.

LOUIS P. DE ZELAR

Louis P. De Zelar, proprietor of the Rembrandt Studio, at 110 South Adams street, Peoria, and one of the leading photographers of the Illinois River Valley, commands a large and steadily growing business. He was born at St. Cloud, Minnesota, on the 4th of April, 1891, and is a son of Joseph D. and Cresence (Michaels) De Zelar, the latter born in St. Joseph, Minnesota, August 15, 1861. The paternal grandfather was a veteran of the Civil war, having served four years with a Minnesota regiment, and later he served in suppressing the Indian uprisings in Minnesota and the Dakotas. Joseph De Zelar was born in Paynesville, Minnesota, October 20, 1864, and received a public school education. Going to St. Cloud, Minnesota, he learned the trade of a cooper, which he followed for many years. Later he took up the tinsmith trade in the shops of the Northern Pacific Railroad,

and has followed that line of work for twenty-five years, being still with the Northern Pacific, though now residing in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. De Zelar were married in St. Paul and became the parents of eight children, all of whom are living: Alfred, born July 17, 1893, who is vice president of the Twin City Hardware Company and resides in St. Paul, married Miss Gertrude Johnson, of Cambridge, Minnesota, and they have two children, James and Richard; James E., born October 20, 1895, is an automobile mechanic with the Northern Motor Company, of St. Paul, and married Miss Lillian Werver, of that city; Delphine, who was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, became the wife of Thomas De Zelar, of St. Paul, where he is employed by the Northern Pacific Railroad, and they have two children, Thomas, Jr., and Betty Jane; Veronica, born January 10, 1897, is the wife of Lloyd Bergman, a commission man in St. Paul, and they have four children, Eugene, Lucille, Mary and Richard; John, born in February, 1899, lives in St. Paul, where he is employed at clerical work by the Minneapolis Transfer Company; Mary, who resides with her parents, is a stenographer with the Brown-Bigelow Wholesale Advertising Company; Joseph, born in 1910, is attending the University of Minnesota, in which he is majoring in public accountancy; and Louis P., of this review.

Louis P. De Zelar attended the public schools of St. Cloud, Minnesota, after which he took up photography in Fargo, North Dakota. He was engaged in business there for a time and then sold out and enlisted for the World war. He trained at Cornell University, where he specialized in the aerial photographic school. After three months, he was sent to Eberts field, at Lonoke, Arkansas, a flying field, where he spent six months in the photographic department. He was then sent overseas and was assigned to the photographic laboratory air service at Tours, France. After the war he returned home, though he was kept in France until May 15th following the armistice, and was honorably discharged at Camp Dodge, Iowa. He returned to St. Paul and took charge of a chain of photographic studios in that city, filling that position for five years. In 1924 he engaged in business for himself in St. Paul, carrying on successfully for two years, and then came to Peoria, where he established the Rembrandt Studio, in the con-

duct of which he has been more than ordinarily successful. He thoroughly understands every phase of portrait photography and the high quality of his work has gained for him a wide reputation as a real artist in his line.

In April, 1913, Mr. De Zelar was united in marriage to Miss Florence Norton, of Fargo, North Dakota, who died in August, 1916, leaving a son, Marvin L., born April 14, 1915. In October, 1919, Mr. De Zelar married Miss Iva Suman, who was born in Fairmount, Grant county, Indiana, and is a daughter of Harry and Rachael (Lewis) Suman. Her father, a prominent oil operator, was connected with the Humble Oil Company, of Texas. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and she is related collaterally to David Crockett, Daniel Boone and other of the famous pioneers and frontiersmen of the middle west. Mr. De Zelar is a member of Peoria Post, No. 2, A. L., and is held in high esteem among his comrades of the World war. His war work was very exacting and valuable, as the aerial balloonists and photographers were literally the eyes of the army. He takes a justifiable pride in the high quality of his present work and well merits the splendid patronage which he is receiving.

JAMES HAMILTON FASH

Among Farmington's capable and successful business men, James H. Fash is one of the best known, not only because of the record which he has made in commercial affairs, but also for his literary works, among which "Hi Haystack," comments on current topics, has been received with interest by the reading public. Mr. Fash was born in Farmington on the 27th of February, 1888, and is a son of Alexander Hamilton and Kathryn Schuyler (Foltz) Fash. His father was born on July 2, 1852, near Peoria, Illinois, a son of James Fash, who was of German descent and came to Illinois from New York state. He was one of the early settlers of Peoria county, followed farming and butchering during his active life, and stood high among his fellowmen. Alexander H. Fash attended the public schools of Peoria and then took up the study of dentistry, which profession he has followed to

the present time, having been located in Farmington for many years. He is a republican in politics and is an active member of the Congregational Church, having served as Sunday school superintendent for twenty-two years. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Modern Woodmen of America, in which he has held the office of clerk. He is active in civic affairs and is well and favorably known in Farmington. His wife was born in Peoria county, Illinois, and takes an active interest in the affairs of the community. She belongs to the Congregational Church and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Daughters of Rebekah and the Woman's Club.

James H. Fash was educated in the public schools of Farmington and in 1906 was the first student to graduate from the high school of this city. During his school days he was greatly interested in athletics and played on the basket-ball and baseball teams. He was also an active member of a literary society. After leaving high school he worked at various jobs around town and then engaged in the grocery business for sixteen years. He then sold out and started a "one stop service station," through which he is able to render any service desired to automobiles. He employs five persons and is prepared to supply anything from a valve stem to the complete rebuilding of a car. He is absolutely reliable and honorable in all of his dealings with the public and has built up a large and steadily increasing business.

On October 16, 1912, Mr. Fash was united in marriage to Miss Estella Eleanor Cone, who was born in Farmington, August 24, 1885, and is a daughter of Luther Hoadley and Mary Josephine (Orton) Cone. The Cone family is of English origin and settled in the eastern colonies prior to the Revolution. Several members of the family served in the war for independence and Mrs. Fash is eligible for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution. The family was numbered among the pioneer settlers of Fulton county, Illinois, and her great-grandfather, Joseph Cone, named the town of Farmington for his place, "Farmington," in Connecticut. Mrs. Fash graduated from the Farmington high school and from Oberlin College. She is a republican in her political views, is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Daughters of Rebekah.

She is also a past president of the P. E. O. Sisterhood. Mr. and Mrs. Fash are the parents of two sons, James Cone, born January 16, 1914, and Arthur Hoadley, born December 25, 1918, both now in school.

The republican party receives Mr. Fash's support and he is interested in public affairs. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Community Club, of which he is a charter member. He is still fond of athletics and of outdoor life and has traveled much, visiting many sections of the United States. He is a close and studious reader of current topics and of educational works and has done considerable writing. His editorials, over the name of "Hi Haystack," are farmer comments on current events and are very popular, as are the poems and other articles which he writes.

CHARLES DOUGHERTY

Charles Dougherty, the present mayor of Chillicothe and one of its highly esteemed citizens, has long been prominently identified with the public affairs of his community, in the welfare of which he has maintained a constant interest. Born in Spring Valley, Illinois, on the 11th of November, 1860, he is a son of John and Margaret (Kelly) Dougherty. His father was born in County Langford, Ireland, and in 1847 came to the United States as a boy. After a brief stay in New York city, he proceeded westward to La Salle, Illinois, where his death occurred in 1893. Early in life he took up railroad work, became a section foreman on the Rock Island Railroad and was a foreman on the Bureau Valley Railroad, from Bureau to Peoria, while in 1853 he helped to build the roundhouse for that road at Peoria. He worked on the construction of the Springfield & Northwestern, now the Wabash Railroad, and, as a foreman he helped to build the road from Havana to Urbana, which also was taken over by the Wabash. He was a staunch democrat in his political views and did much to promote party interests, though he did not aspire to public office. He served as a private in Company C, Fifty-seventh

Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry in the Civil war for two and a half years and was with Sherman on his march from Atlanta to the sea. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Kelly and whom he married in New York in 1849, was born in County Clare, Ireland, and when twenty-six years of age came to the United States with her brother, Patrick. After remaining awhile in New York city, they came to Illinois, locating in La Salle, where Patrick Kelly engaged in railroad work. He was faithful and efficient, was promoted to a foremanship and later was made road master, in which capacity he served on various roads. To John and Margaret Dougherty were born eight children, three of whom are living: Charles; Dr. J. W., of Chillicothe, Illinois; and Mary, who makes her home with her brother Charles in Chillicothe. The deceased members of the family are, Sarah, who died in infancy; Jane, who was the wife of Thomas Kelly, and died at the age of thirty-five years; Daniel, who died at the age of fifty-seven years; James M., who died when sixty-one years old; and Sarah, who was the widow of J. R. Ingersol and died in 1930, aged sixty-seven years.

Charles Dougherty received a somewhat limited education in the public schools, for at the age of sixteen years he went to work at railroading, which he followed for some four years. When twenty years old he was made city marshal of Chillicothe, holding the office for four years. In 1886 he became connected with J. S. Russell & Company, a large lumber firm of Chillicothe, which in 1892 became the Hunter Lumber Company. Mr. Dougherty has been with this concern for forty-four years, and for many years has had charge of the yard, in which capacity he has rendered superior service, for he thoroughly understands every detail of the yard operations.

In 1907 Mr. Dougherty was united in marriage to Miss Rena Boylan, a native of Medina township, Peoria county, and a daughter of Thomas and Mary (McCulla) Boylan, who were natives of New York state. Both parents are deceased and Mrs. Dougherty passed away on May 24, 1924. Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty became the parents of two children, Charles W., who is employed as a brakeman on the Santa Fe Railroad, and Regina, who is a graduate of the Chillicothe high school and lives at home.

For thirty years Mr. Dougherty served as a member of the board of aldermen of Chillicothe and during that time advocated and put through to completion the waterworks and electric light systems. The opposition severely criticized his judgment on matters of that sort, but it has proved a blessing in disguise. He again met much opposition when he advocated the pavement of streets and the building of the present East River bridge, both of which measures were put through. He was a member of the school board for six years, while in 1929 he was elected mayor for a two-year term. He is discharging his official duties in a capable and judicious manner and is well qualified in every respect for the position. He is a member of St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church. He cast his first vote for Grover Cleveland for president, has always supported the democratic party, has served as a member of the county central committee and for many years was township committeeman for Chillicothe. He is conscientious in everything he does, and his record as a citizen has gained for him the unreserved respect and confidence of the people of Chillicothe.

HARRY DOUGLASS BOWEN

Harry D. Bowen, of the H. D. Bowen Grain Company, is one of the prominent and successful grain brokers of Peoria. He was born and reared in this city and is a son of David and Harriet E. (Mowry) Bowen. His father was a native of Wales and his mother was of Scotch parentage, and the family settled near Albany, New York, on their arrival in this country. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen belonged to one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Peoria, and many years ago Mr. Bowen sold real estate for Mrs. Lydia Bradley, the founder of Bradley College. To them were born three sons: William S., of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Frank E., who died at the age of twenty-eight years, and Harry D. One of David Bowen's brothers, John, was a soldier in the Civil war, and Henry Mowry, a brother of Mrs. Harriet Bowen, also served in that war and died in a United States hospital from sickness incurred in the line of duty. David

Bowen died fifty-one years ago and his wife passed away twenty-three years ago.

Harry D. Bowen attended the public schools of Peoria and after graduating from high school became identified with the grain business as an employee of Smith, Hippen & Company, with whom he remained six years. C. H. Feltman, who had served as manager for Smith, Hippen & Company, started in the grain business for himself, and was joined by Mr. Bowen, who remained with him for two and a half years. Mr. Bowen then turned to railroad work, being employed in the clerical departments of various roads for seven years. He returned to the grain business, entering the employ of the Buckley-Pursley Company, grain merchants, with whom he remained until 1920, when he started in business for himself under the firm name of the H. D. Bowen Grain Company, conducting a general grain business, with offices in the Board of Trade building. He has connection with the Northern Illinois Cereal Company, of Lockport, Illinois, for which he buys oats exclusively in this territory.

On June 7, 1898, Mr. Bowen was united in marriage to Miss Ella B. Caughey, of Peoria, a daughter of John and Nancy Caughey, both of whom are deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Bowen have been born seven children, all of Peoria.

Mr. Bowen is a member of Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and the Independent Order of Foresters of Canada. He and his family are members of the First Church of Christ, Scientist. Mr. Bowen has proved a good citizen in the best sense of the term, and his record as a business man has gained for him a deservedly high standing in his community.

JOHN WILLIAM TRAGER

One of Peoria county's most capable and best known public officials is John W. Trager, who is rendering very satisfactory service as county treasurer. He was born in Peoria on the 3rd of February, 1891, a son of William and Emma (Umdenstock) Trager. The father was born in Ottawa, La Salle county, Illinois,



JOHN W. TRAGER

August 6, 1869, and when eighteen years of age came to Peoria, where for a brief period he was in the employ of a sugar factory. He then entered the city police department, in which he served for twenty-eight years, making a fine record for bravery and efficiency. In 1925 he retired from the police force and has since acted as special officer for the Commercial National Bank of Peoria. His wife was born April 1, 1871, in Groveland, Tazewell county, this state, and is still living. To them were born four children, namely: John William of this review; Clyde and Lloyd, twins, the former of whom is a promising young attorney of Peoria, while the latter is connected with Larkin & Company of this city; and Viola, the wife of Roscoe Reynolds, who is connected with the Peoria Daily Record.

John W. Trager attended the public and high schools of Peoria, after which he entered the employ of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, first in a clerical capacity and later in the mechanical and operating department. He was with that road for twelve years, or until he enlisted in the United States Army. After the war he reentered the employ of that road, which he served for a year. In the spring of 1923 he was elected city treasurer of Peoria and held that office for two years. So eminently capable did he prove in that responsible position that in November, 1926, he was elected to the office of county treasurer, his term expiring in 1930.

On January 19, 1920, Mr. Trager was united in marriage to Miss Lola Hill, a daughter of John and Phoebe Hill, the former of whom is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Trager are the parents of a daughter, Geraldine, born September 6, 1924. The family attend the Glenoak Christian Church and give their support to all worthy benevolent causes. Mrs. Trager is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Mr. Trager is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 246, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Council, No. 11, R. & S. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Order of the Eastern Star, the Woodmen of the World, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion and the Forty and Eight, as well as the Legion de Honneur Chevalier, conferred by

France. His chief interest is in the work of the American Legion in its relation to the relief of wounded ex-service men and none has done more than he to relieve those whose cases have come to his attention. Of his army record Colonel Grant M. Miles gives the following account: "John W. Trager enlisted in Company H of the Fifth Illinois Infantry in 1916 when it appeared that troops would have to enter Mexico. However the Fifth Illinois Infantry was not one of the regiments sent to the border but he continued his work in the National Guard to such good effect that he passed through the grades of corporal and sergeant by March 25, 1917, when, as a precautionary measure, and in view of the imminence of war with the Central Powers caused the President of the United States to call into Federal service certain regiments, the Fifth Illinois Infantry was among them.

"Lieutenant Trager, about that time, was made first sergeant of his company, serving well in that capacity. Later in the summer of 1917 he was ordered to the Third Officers Training School at Leon Springs, Texas, as a candidate officer and at that time the writer addressed a letter to his company commander stating that if he had to pick a platoon commander to go into action his first choice would be Sergeant Trager. How well this judgment was borne out was shown by his subsequent record in the American Expeditionary Forces in France as a leader of patrols and many other active duties and assignments.

"On October 8, 1918, near Consenvoye in company with Lieutenant George Higley, also of the Thirty-third Division, he crossed the Meuse river on a small foot bridge to reconnoiter a route for the transport of troops which were coming up. While thus engaged a German machine gun opened on Lieutenants Trager and Higley causing them to take cover in a shell hole. While thus under cover it was noted by them that a machine gun was firing across the river upon American troops which were advancing. Picking up a German hand grenade off the ground where it had been dropped Lieutenants Trager and Higley advanced on this German machine gun nest to a point where the attack with the German grenade was made. Upon the grenade bursting within this concrete machine gun nest thirty-one of the enemy came out, leaving seven inside. Lieutenant Trager took charge

of the thirty-one and turned them over to proper authorities. Both Lieutenants Trager and Higley received the Distinguished service Cross for this action.

"Later Lieutenant Trager was decorated by an Army citation, receiving the Accolade of the Chevalier of the Legion of Honor of France and the Croix de Guerre with a palm. This for carrying rations and ammunition to beleaguered troops who were under heavy fire. This trip to the rear with a machine gun limber was seen and commented upon by a general officer and his staff who pronounced it one of the most daring feats they had seen.

"Again in the action along the Meuse river Lieutenant Trager found himself at a small bridge where the medical department were evacuating wounded. German artillery had registered this bridge and shot away the center portion, but the stream being fordable, Lieutenant Trager waded in under heavy shell fire, and wading from one end of the gap to the other, he evacuated seven wounded men by carrying them in his arms. For this he was recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor but for some unknown reason the recommendation was never approved. The mere fact, however, of a recommendation for this, the most difficult of decorations for valor to obtain, is a great honor in itself."

Lieutenant Trager was honorably discharged at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, in June, 1919. He enjoys an exceptionally wide acquaintance throughout Peoria county and is very highly esteemed because of his excellent record as a soldier, public official and citizen.

CHARLES A. ROTHAN

Among Peoria's important and substantial industries is that conducted by Charles A. Rothan, manufacturer of store fixtures and interior cabinet work, at 700-706 Johnson street. He has devoted the greater part of his life to this line of business and has been very successful. He was born in this city, on the 10th of January, 1876, a son of George J. and Rose E. (Beckenhaupt) Rothan, of whom the latter was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1885, and died November 7, 1919. The paternal grandparents were

natives of France, whence they came to the United States in young manhood and womanhood and were married in Cincinnati, where their son, George J. Rothan, was born in 1852. He received his early educational training in the public schools and a college there and studied for the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, but on completing his classical education he became associated with his father in the mill business, and also did a contracting and general jobbing business. Soon after his marriage he left Cincinnati and came to Peoria, erecting a two-room house at 610 Webster street. He used one room as a small woodworking shop, which line of work he followed for eighteen months. His health failed and he went to his parents' home in Cincinnati, where he made quick recovery. On his return to Peoria he again took up mill work and jobbing at the former location, which he soon outgrew. He then erected a shop, twenty by forty feet, at 618 Johnson street. The business grew rapidly and he enlarged the building and engaged in making bar and store fixtures. More working space being required, he erected a larger building, forty-eight by eighty-six feet, two stories high, and on the opposite corner constructed a large lumber shed, which was destroyed by fire December 31, 1924. He did the interior wood work, including the pews in St. Joseph's Church, and also built St. Joseph's school, St. Patrick's school, and the Lee school and was superintendent of construction on the Webster and Garfield schools. At one time he gave employment to forty men in his mill. His death occurred January 21, 1924. To him and his wife were born three children, Charles A. and two who died in infancy.

Charles A. Rothan attended the public schools and St. Joseph's school in Peoria, after which he took a course in Brown's Business College. On completing his studies he joined his father in the mill work, learning the business thoroughly, and on the death of his father took over the business. He is now devoting his attention to the operation of the old mill at 618 to 624 Johnson street, as well as the new mill at 700 to 706 Johnson street, in which he gives employment to fifteen men, most of whom are expert workmen. He is doing a large business and is fully maintaining the prestige earned by his father for the high quality of work in his line.

Mr. Rothan was united in marriage to Miss Carrie A. Schoff, a native of Peoria and a daughter of Lewis and Mary Schoff. They had three children, but their daughter died in infancy. George H., born July 15, 1905, is connected with his father's business, having charge of all outside work, and Wilbur L., was born July 15, 1909. Mr. Rothan is, as was his father, an honorary member of the Knights of St. John. In 1899 he joined the Illinois National Guard, in which he was active for about ten years. Enlisting as a private, he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant, later was made first lieutenant, and for seven years was a captain. He possessed marked business ability, as well as a fine technical knowledge of every phase of his mill operations, and all who have dealt with him have found him fair and square in everything, so that many of his most loyal friends are among his patrons.

HENRY C. CARVER

The Carver family, prominent in the history of Fulton county, was established here one hundred and eight years ago and its members have been active and prominent in the development of this section of the state. One of the best known of these pioneers was the late Henry C. Carver, who followed the occupation of farming so successfully that he was enabled to retire a number of years prior to his death. He was a son of Gideon Carver, who was born in Madison county, near Lexington, Kentucky, in 1816, and in 1822 accompanied his father, Pleasant M. Carver, on his removal to Fulton county, Illinois. He was the first blacksmith in Canton, where he followed that trade for a number of years. On September 26, 1839, in Buckheart township, Fulton county, he married Miss Catherine Bauman, and about that time bought eighty acres of heavily timbered land on section 28 of that township. His first home there was a one-room log cabin, to which was attached a rude stick chimney, under which the old Dutch oven was placed to do the cooking. The furniture was all hand-made. This cabin was the birthplace of all the children born to Gideon and Catherine Carver, as follows: John, who was born

August 19, 1841, and died in infancy; James, who was born on April 11, 1843, and died at the age of eighteen months; Henry C.; Elizabeth, who was born June 13, 1848, and is deceased; Sarah J., born on March 2, 1850, the wife of Samuel J. Murphy, of Canton, Illinois; Margery E., who was born November 9, 1853, and became the wife of Frederick Fisher; and Jasper P., born July 21, 1857.

In his political views Gideon Carver was a strong supporter of the republican party and took an active interest in the affairs of his township and county, serving as a school director and member of of the board of school trustees. He was thorough in everything he undertook and was characterized by the strictest fidelity in both business and private life. He was generous in his giving to benevolent causes, was kind to the deserving poor, visiting the sick and doing what he could to relieve the distresses of those in trouble. As he prospered he added to his original land purchase until at the time of his retirement he was the owner of two hundred and forty acres of good land in section 28, Buckheart township. He moved into Canton in 1893, his death occurring there April 17, 1896. His widow passed away in May, 1905. She was born in Pennsylvania, May 15, 1819, and was a daughter of Eli A. and Margery (Paxon) Bauman, who moved from Ohio to Buckheart township, Fulton county, in 1838. Her father was a school teacher. Mr. and Mrs. Carver were earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Henry C. Carver was born on his father's farm in Buckheart township, Fulton county, on the 12th of February, 1845, and was reared on the home place. He attended the schools of the community and remained on the farm, engaged in agricultural pursuits for a number of years. He became greatly interested in livestock and a breeder of Norman horses. In 1884 he bought a farm of two hundred and fifteen acres in section 26, Orion township, where he carried on farming until 1895, when he moved into a new home which he had built in Canton, and there spent his remaining years, his death occurring June 12, 1922.

On November 7, 1867, Mr. Carver was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia Ione Laws, who was born in Fulton county, November 7, 1848, and was a daughter of James H. and Louisa

(Hasson) Laws. Her father and mother were natives of Virginia and Kentucky, respectively, and settled in Fulton county in 1835. Mrs. Carver, whose death occurred July 24, 1923, was an earnest member of the Christian Church and was devoted to her home and family. Mr. and Mrs. Carver became the parents of four children, namely: Ida M., who is the wife of Elmer E. Sebree, of Canton, who is mentioned on other pages of this work; Willard Henry, and Elmer G., both of whom are represented elsewhere in this work; and Charlie Clay, who was born December 8, 1869, and died in 1877. Mr. Carver was a republican in politics and rendered able service as a school director and road commissioner for a number of years. He was a member of the Christian Church, a man of sterling qualities and high ideals and was one of the community's most useful citizens.

JOHN BENSON

John Benson, manager of the Rural Grain Company, in the Board of Trade building, and one of Peoria's energetic and wide-awake business men, who is meeting with success, was born in Peoria, January 27, 1887, and is a son of Peter and Helena (Peterson) Benson. His father, who is still a resident of Peoria, was born in Sweden in 1842 and came to the United States fifty years ago. In Sweden he married Miss Helena Peterson, who died in 1917. They became the parents of three children, namely: Edward, born in Sweden in 1875, is an employee of the Pekin, Peoria & Western Railroad and is a member of the Knights of Pythias in Peoria; August, born in Sweden in 1878, married Miss Alma Swanson, of Galesburg, Illinois, whose father is deceased and whose mother is living, at the age of eighty years. Mr. and Mrs. Benson have a son, Hervey, born November 15, 1912, and now attending Manual high school.

John Benson received a good practical education, attending the public schools and Brown's Business College in Peoria. He engaged in railroading, entering the traffic department of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad, there remaining for twelve years. Later he was employed by various grain merchants in the

Board of Trade building, and on August 15, 1927, became connected with the Rural Grain Company, of which he has since been the manager. He is thoroughly familiar with the grain business and in his present position has shown sound judgment and discrimination.

Mr. Benson was united in marriage to Miss Alfreda Faginkrantz, who was born in Iowa, June 16, 1890, and is a daughter of Albert and Hannah Faginkrantz, both of whom are natives of Sweden, the latter now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Benson. Mr. and Mrs. Faginkrantz were the parents of four children, namely: Hulda, born in Sweden, became the wife of Nathaniel W. Huggins, who works for the Great Western Distillery Company of Peoria, and they had four children, one of whom died in infancy and Georgia, Nathaniel and Emma Louise; Alfred Leonard, born in Sweden, married Miss Agnes Malone, of Peoria, and they have six children, Ruth, Hilda, Alfred, Harold, Mary K. and John; Mrs. Benson is the third of the family; and Axel, born in Iowa, is in the retail shoe business at 2039 South Adams street, Peoria. He married Miss Eileen Hoover, of Peoria, and they had two children, Stephen, who died at the age of three years, and Gweneth, who resides with her mother in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Benson have a daughter, Dorothea, born March 27, 1914, and now attending the Peoria high school. Mr. Benson is a man of sterling qualities, commands the respect of those with whom business has brought him in contact, and, socially, is well liked wherever known.

I. NEWTON HILL

One of the successful insurance managers in Peoria is I. Newton Hill, who is at the head of the Peoria branch of the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, in which position he has made a splendid record of increased business for his company in this district. Born in Claiborne county, Tennessee, on the 28th of May, 1891, he is a son of I. Newton and Lucy Jane (Baker) Hill, both of whom were born and reared in that county, the father having been born in 1852 and the mother in 1857. The

father followed agricultural pursuits in Tennessee for many years and on his retirement moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana, where he is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Hill had eight children, all of whom are living: Charles E., who is a conductor on the Big Four Railroad at Indianapolis, married Miss Ethel Wright and they have two daughters, Betty Ann and Mary Jane; James T., residing in Crawfordsville, Indiana, is superintendent of bridges for the Peoria & Eastern division of the Big Four Railroad; Robert F., of Crawfordsville, Indiana, is superintendent of bridges for the Monon Railroad; Andrew Edgar, who is chief of police of La Fayette, Indiana, married Miss Helm and they are the parents of a son, Andrew Edgar, Jr.; Albert Oscar, of Clinton, Indiana, is a mining engineer and has a son, Robert Lee; Lucy Jane is the wife of Horace A. Wright, a traveling salesman, who is connected with a wholesale salt concern, and lives in Indianapolis, Indiana; Harriet A. is the wife of Donald J. Cranston, of Chicago, who is with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York city.

I. Newton Hill, the other member of the family, received his early education in the public and high schools of Crawfordsville, Indiana, and later attended Wabash College and Bradley Polytechnic Institute of Peoria. He then became athletic coach for the Lima (Ohio) schools, which position he held for three years. During the World war he trained the regular army men and the volunteers throughout the country in athletics and bayonet work. He was commissioned a second lieutenant and was discharged from Camp Dodge, Iowa, in March, 1919. He returned to Peoria and in 1922 became connected with the Travelers Insurance Company, of Hartford, Connecticut, being now manager of the Peoria branch office. He has supervision of the work throughout the north central part of the state outside of Cook county, and has one hundred and twenty-five representatives in this territory.

On June 5, 1917, Mr. Hill was united in marriage to Miss Helena Louise Mulford, a native of Wisconsin and a daughter of William and Caroline (Roe) Mulford. They have a son, William M., born February 15, 1918, and now attending school. Mr. Hill is a member of Montgomery Lodge, No. 50, F. & A. M., at Crawfordsville, Indiana; Peoria Post, No. 2, A. L.; the Phi Gamma Delta national fraternity of Wabash College; the University Club;

and the Peoria Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Hill's sister is corresponding secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic at Evanston, Illinois. Mr. Hill's paternal grandfather was a soldier in the Civil war. He is descended from old English stock, the progenitor of the family in this country settling in Virginia. The maternal ancestors, who also were of English origin, settled in Tennessee. Mr. Hill has achieved success in his business affairs, makes a favorable impression on those with whom he comes into contact, and is greatly esteemed by those who know him.

PRESTON F. GRANDON

Preston F. Grandon, who has been identified with newspaper work since his earliest youth, is the well known publisher of the Daily Post-Tribune for the twin cities of La Salle and Peru, Illinois. He was born in West Virginia, February 6, 1888, his parents being D. W. and Elizabeth Grandon, the former a native of Pennsylvania. D. W. Grandon is now a resident of Sterling, Illinois, and is the publisher of the Sterling Gazette there. He was originally induced to establish a paper at Adrian, Michigan, by people who were in favor of temperance and throughout his life he has been a temperance advocate. To him and his wife were born six children, two sons and four daughters, as follows: George G., living at Sterling, Illinois; Delphia, who is the wife of Clifford Westerman and resides in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Preston F., of this review; Jennie, the wife of Bradley Bull, of Chicago; Mae, the wife of Lyle B. Wilcox, of Sterling; and Marguerite, who is the wife of William R. Roberts, of Flint, Michigan.

Preston F. Grandon entered the newspaper office of his father when a small lad and has become thoroughly familiar with every phase thereof, having acquired a unique knowledge of the work from contact since early boyhood. He was manager and owner of the Quincy (Mich.) Herald for six years prior to coming to La Salle in 1925, and as publisher of the Daily Post-Tribune he has won wide recognition as one of the most successful journalists of the Illinois River Valley. His chief interest throughout life

has been in newspaper work. Neither his father nor his brother have ever accepted political jobs but have worked unceasingly and independently for the common good in the communities which their newspapers served. Their outstanding aim has been the consolidation of newspapers wherever they have gone. D. W. Grandon and his two sons, George G. and Preston, are jointly interested in the publications. The Post-Tribune is one of the oldest newspapers of the locality and has a large circulation in La Salle, Peru and community. The paper has been in existence since 1856 but did not become known as the Tribune until 1891. It was owned at that time by W. T. Bedford of La Salle and underwent changes, subsequently being purchased by the Grandons. The newspaper has consistently grown and made friends, being conducted on a high plane and in modern style, nourished by the positive views of the publishers, and gaining influence on the prestige given by them and the energy they have imparted to it.

On the 12th of July, 1908, Mr. Grandon was united in marriage to Miss Della E. Dickinson, of Blissfield, Michigan, and they are the parents of a son, David Preston, now seven years of age. Fraternally Mr. Grandon is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Masonic bodies, including the Eastern Star. Personally he is a man of pleasing address, genial and friendly in his social relations, and has long enjoyed to a marked degree the confidence and good will of the entire community.

JOHN C. PROCTOR HOSPITAL

No public institution in Peoria is more worthy of commendation than is the John C. Proctor Hospital. In 1882 a group of public spirited citizens founded Cottage Hospital in a frame building on the present site of the John C. Proctor Hospital, as a purely private enterprise. A stock company, representing one hundred shares at twenty-five dollars each, was later formed, and in 1891 these shares were turned over to the present organization, which at that time incorporated "not for pecuniary profit." The name Cottage Hospital was retained until the death

of John C. Proctor, in 1907, when, in honor of its principal benefactor, the name John C. Proctor Hospital was adopted.

Throughout the life of the institution the hand of John C. Proctor was an ever present aid in its growth and development. His larger benefactions, supplemented by gifts of lesser amounts by other friends of the hospital, have brought it to its present stage of public usefulness. Mr. Proctor deeded to the hospital the ground and erected the brick structure, later known as the "old part," which was long used in conjunction with the old frame building.

Such was the increased demand for hospital facilities in this city that in 1900 the present main building and the heating and laundry building were erected, at a cost of approximately eighty-five thousand dollars. Later the old building was remodeled throughout, another story added, and the entire equipment put in the best possible condition, so that the institution is now a model of attractiveness and efficiency. John C. Proctor's benefactions to the hospital bearing his name consist of the site on which the hospital is located, the buildings complete and the general equipment, substantially as it is today, representing an appraised value of about one hundred and sixty thousand dollars. In addition to this, Mr. Proctor, by deed of trust, gave a number of city and farm rental properties, the income from which is applied to the use and support of the hospital.

In its medical staff the John C. Proctor Hospital is exceptionally fortunate in receiving the expert advice and skilled assistance of men who stand high in their profession. In addition to an excellent corps of general practitioners, the staff comprises able men in every specialized department of medicine. The nursing staff of the hospital, under the charge of the very capable superintendent, Miss Svea W. Landh, and her four assistants, is composed entirely of graduates and undergraduates of the John C. Proctor Hospital Training School for Nurses, each department being in charge of an experienced graduate nurse.

The John C. Proctor Hospital Training School for Nurses was started by Mr. Proctor a few years after the parent institution was well under way and was the first of its kind in Peoria, coming as a direct response to the demand on the part of the

local physicians for trained nurses. The training school has always enjoyed the reputation of being extremely thorough in its course and the graduates have reflected great credit on the school wherever they have gone, many of them now holding positions of responsibility in similar institutions throughout the country. In every particular the school has lived up to the expectations of its founders and has more than recompensed the hospital for the expense of maintaining it.

JERRY DEVRIES, M. D.

Dr. Jerry DeVries is a representative and successful young physician of Marseilles, rapidly winning distinction in the field of his chosen profession. He was born in Cook county, Illinois, January 23, 1899, his parents being Jerry and Dena (Kuiper) DeVries, both now deceased. Jerry DeVries, Sr., a native of the Netherlands, emigrated to the United States in early life and devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. To him and his wife were born nine children, five sons and four daughters, namely: Darius, a resident of Chicago; Mary, a graduate nurse living in Montrose, Colorado; William, engaged in ranching in Montrose, Colorado; Martha, living in Chicago; Peter, a rancher of Colorado; Dena, who makes her home in Chicago; Jerry, of this review; and Nellie and Robert, both of whom live in Chicago.

In the acquirement of an education Jerry DeVries attended the rural school of Thornton township, the high school of Harvey, Illinois, and Hope College of Holland, Michigan, being graduated from the last named institution with the Bachelor of Arts degree. Having determined to make the practice of medicine his life work, he then matriculated in Rush Medical College of Chicago, which in 1927 conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Thereafter he served for five months as an interne at the Durand Hospital for Infectious Diseases and next spent a period of sixteen months as interne at the Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago, while subsequently he did postgraduate work in obstetrics at the Chicago Lying-In Hospital. For six months he

was resident surgeon at Knoxville, Tennessee, connected with the City of Knoxville General Hospital. Eventually he opened an office in Marseilles, Illinois, where his practice has steadily grown as his professional skill and ability have become more and more widely recognized. Dr. DeVries has extraordinary training for his chosen life work and is one of the most promising physicians of his section.

Although a student at the time the United States became involved in the World war, Dr. DeVries gave patriotic service to his country in the year 1918. He took the full army course in the medical department, was commissioned a first lieutenant of the Medical Reserve and is a member of the American Legion. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Congregational Church of Marseilles. He is a member, moreover, of the honorary debating fraternity Phi Kappa Delta and the medical fraternity Alpha Kappa Kappa and along strictly professional lines has further membership connections with the La Salle County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is an earnest student and keeps in close touch with the trend of modern professional thought, research and investigation, constantly striving to broaden his knowledge and enhance his skill.

GEORGE H. BAIRD

George H. Baird, Rushville's popular mayor, has ever been actuated by high ideals in his public service and is also prominently identified with local business interests as manager of the Vedder Drug Company. He was born in Colchester, McDonough county, Illinois, December 21, 1881, and in both the paternal and maternal lines is of English ancestry. His father, Oswald Baird, was born in Haugterslaw, Northumberland, September 3, 1842, and came to the United States in 1867, soon after the close of the Civil war, settling in Pennsylvania. About 1870 he removed to Colchester, Illinois, where he resided until his death on the 4th of October, 1920, and was widely known as a mining engineer and mine superintendent. In Bedlington, England, he had married



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Isabella Temple, who was born in that town February 26, 1844, and there remained until she came to the new world with her husband. They were sincere Christians, esteemed and respected by all who knew them. Mrs. Baird preceded her husband in death, passing away in Colchester, November 12, 1913, and both were laid to rest in the cemetery there. They had a family of twelve children: Richard Oswald, who was born January 31, 1864, and departed this life May 11, 1929; Margaret, who was born in Bedlington, February 6, 1866, and is now deceased; Temple Baird, who was born April 29, 1867, and has also passed away; John, who was born October 29, 1868, and is living in Colchester; Thomas Taylor, born March 6, 1871; Mary Ann, whose natal day was May 11, 1874; William Temple, who was born February 2, 1877; James A., born February 10, 1880; George H.; Chester A., who was born December 6, 1883, and is now deceased; and Phyllis and Fred, who have likewise passed away.

Reared in his native town, George H. Baird there pursued his education until his graduation from the Colchester high school with the class of 1905, and in the fall of that year enrolled as a student in the University of Des Moines, where he took a pharmaceutical course, receiving the Ph. G. degree in 1907. He then came to Rushville and for nearly a quarter of a century has been manager of the Vedder Drug Company. During that period the business has grown and prospered under the wise direction of Mr. Baird, who is an experienced pharmacist and an enterprising, alert business man, capable of successfully managing important commercial interests. Established in 1832 by James McCreary, the business has been in existence for almost a century and this is one of the oldest mercantile institutions in the state as well as the largest drug store in Rushville.

Mr. Baird was married September 27, 1905, in Mount Vernon, Indiana, to Miss Rose Cook, her parents being Adam R. and Emma (Alexander) Cook, of Stewartsville, Indiana. Mrs. Emma Cook passed away August 3, 1890, and Adam R. Cook was later again married, his second union being with Ida Banks, of Grandview, Indiana, who reared Mrs. Rose Baird. Mr. Cook was born January 11, 1856, and passed away February 16, 1920, when sixty-four years of age. Mrs. Baird has one sister

and one brother: Mrs. Grace Wilson, of Princeton, Kentucky; and Everett R. Cook, of St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. Baird was born August 1, 1884, in Mount Vernon, Indiana, and was there reared and educated, pursuing her studies in the grammar and high schools. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children. Ida Banks, the eldest, was graduated from the Rushville high school and received the Bachelor of Arts degree from the Culver-Stockton College at Canton, Missouri. She is an ordained minister and ably assists her husband, the Rev. K. K. Cunningham, in the performance of his duties as pastor of the Christian Church at Slater, Missouri. They have one child, Loren George Cunningham. Richard Oswald, the older of the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Baird, was born February 22, 1914, and is a senior in high school. He plays on its football team, also participating in the work of the track team, and as a senior debater he is a member of the last undefeated debating team of Rushville. George H., Jr., who completes the family, was born September 24, 1922, and is attending grammar school.

Mr. Baird votes with the democratic party and takes a prominent part in political and civic affairs. For two years he was an alderman of Rushville and for a similar length of time he was city treasurer. In 1919 he was elected mayor and since 1920 has served continuously with the exception of one term of two years in 1923 and 1924. He stands firmly for law and order and to all municipal problems he applies the sound judgment of a practical business man whose sole motive is the honest and efficient expenditure of the public funds. His administration has been characterized by needed reforms and improvements and his course as a public official has elicited strong commendation. The welfare and advancement of the town are matters to him of deep and vital concern and it was through his influence that beautiful Scripps Park was donated to Rushville by Miss Ellen Scripps, of the Scripps-Howard newspaper interests. The park was laid out and built under his supervision and its maintenance is under his immediate direction. This fine recreation center which he has secured for Rushville's citizens is greatly appreciated and enjoyed by them. Mr. Baird was one of the organizers of the Rushville Community Club and is very active in its

affairs. He also aided in forming the Rushville Twenty-two Club, of which he is a past president, and something of the nature of his recreation is indicated in his connection with the Scripps Golf Club of Rushville. In Masonry his affiliations are with the lodge, chapter and commandery and with the Mystic Shrine at Springfield, Illinois. He also has fraternal relations with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In trade circles he is well known as a member of the Illinois Pharmacists Association and the American Association of Retail Druggists. Travel affords him much enjoyment and in company with his wife he has visited many points of interest in the United States, Canada and Mexico. However, he prefers Rushville as a place of residence and has always evinced that keen interest in progressive movements and that eagerness to advance civic development which are embodied in the truest and highest ideals of public service. Nature has endowed Mayor Baird with a pleasing personality and, moreover, he possesses those qualities which command respect and inspire strong and enduring regard. Mrs. Baird is active in social affairs and in civic, club and religious work. She belongs to the Eastern Star and the Rebekahs and is a director of the Woman's Federated Club of Rushville. Long a zealous member of the Christian Church, she is president of the Woman's Missionary Society and her unselfish nature has prompted many unheralded acts of kindness and charity.

OTTO FREDERICK

Otto Frederick, who has been engaged in the practice of law in Peoria for nearly twenty years, has been uniformly successful and commands marked prestige throughout this city and county. He was born on a farm near Sullivan, Moultrie county, Illinois, December 22, 1887. The progenitor of his family came to this country from Holland, settling first in New York state, whence his descendants moved first to Pennsylvania, then to Ohio, and later to Illinois, settling in Moultrie county when it

was still a wilderness. The paternal great-grandfather, Henry Frederick, did military duty as a captain in the Indian wars, in which he was wounded. His son, Jacob Frederick, grandfather of Otto Frederick, came from Ohio to Illinois in 1841 and settled in Moultrie county, where he was engaged in farming during the remainder of his life. He usually took his farm products to St. Louis, Missouri, a distance of nearly two hundred miles, and there made exchange for groceries and household supplies. His earnings on each trip were sufficient to enable him to enter forty acres of land. The maternal grandparents, Millers, also became early settlers in Moultrie county, coming here from Tennessee in the '30s, and both families became extensive landholders.

Henry Louis Frederick, father of Otto Frederick, was born in Ross county, Ohio, January 23, 1840, moved to Illinois in 1841 and died April 3, 1925, when past his eighty-fifth year. He enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served three years in the Civil war. Through exposure, he lost an eye while in the service. He married Miss Mary Howe, who died, and he later married Mrs. Mary Miller Kimsey, widow of William Kimsey, whose maiden name was Miller. She was the mother of one child, Clifton O. Kimsey, who is now a farmer living near Sentinel, Oklahoma. She was a native of Moultrie county, Illinois. To the first marriage were born six children, two of whom died in infancy, those living being Henry A., a farmer of Moultrie county; Jacob M., of Missouri; Atlanta S., of Ripley county, Missouri; and Erasmus of Derby, Iowa. To the second marriage were born three children, Elma, who died in infancy; and Roscoe C., and Otto, who are lawyers.

Otto Frederick attended the Reedy district school, walking one and one fourth miles from his home from the Frederick homestead near Kirksville, Illinois, and was graduated from the Sullivan high school in 1907. He then entered the law school of the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated as a Bachelor of Laws in 1910. He was admitted to the bar in June of that year and during the following year worked in a law office in Galesburg, this state. In September, 1911, he came to Peoria, where his brother Roscoe was practicing law and they entered

into a partnership under the firm name of Frederick & Frederick, and during the subsequent years he has earned a reputation as an able and dependable attorney and counselor.

On June 24, 1914, Mr. Frederick was united in marriage to Miss Olive Clark, who was born in Kansas and is a daughter of Charles W. and Mary (Harding) Clark. Both of her parents are now living in Moultrie county, Illinois, where her father is engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick are the parents of a daughter, Mary Lou, born on June 11, 1926. Mrs. Frederick is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and she and her husband are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Frederick is a member of Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Council, No. 11, R. & S. M., of which he is past thrice illustrious master; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R., in which he is a past thrice potent master of the Lodge of Perfection; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Heth Chapter of Acacia of the University of Illinois; the legal fraternity Theta Kappa Nu, now the Order of Coif; the Peoria University Club and the Mt. Holly Country Club of which he is now secretary. He maintains fraternal affiliation with the Peoria County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association. He possesses a splendid personality and is known as a man of sterling integrity and candor in all of his relations with his fellowmen, among whom he is deservedly popular.

Roscoe C. Frederick, brother of Otto Frederick, was born on his father's farm in Moultrie county, Illinois, September 11, 1885, attended the public schools and graduated from the Sullivan high school in 1907. He attended the law school of the University of Illinois, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1910. In that same year he was admitted to the bar and in 1911 engaged in the practice with the firm of Stevens, Miller & Elliott. One year later he independently opened a law office, in which he was joined by his brother Otto. On April 14, 1915, Mr. Frederick was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Black, a native of Huntington, West Virginia. He is a member of Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Council, No. 7, R. & S. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to Peoria

Lodge No. 20, B. P. O. E., the University Club, Mt. Holly Country Club, the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity and the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity of the University of Illinois. In 1912 he was elected judge of the police court and, also has held the office of justice of the peace.

SAMUEL POWELL HALL, SR.

A notable example of a well spent life is afforded in the career of Samuel Powell Hall, Sr., who at the age of eighty years is still actively engaged in the practice of law and enjoys the distinction of being the dean of the legal fraternity of La Salle county. He resides in Ottawa, but maintains his office in La Salle. He was born in De Kalb county, Illinois, May 16, 1851, a son of Russell Richardson and Ruth Ann (Simmons) Hall, and was named for Samuel Powell Hall, master of the first Masonic blue lodge at Watertown, New York.

A scion of one of the colonial families of this country, Mr. Hall traces his ancestry to John Hall, who was born in England in 1606, came to America in 1639 and received a grant of land in Connecticut. He was the founder of Wallingford and died in 1676. Among his relatives was Lyman Hall, a cousin, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Hall, a son of John Hall, was born in Meriden, Connecticut, in 1649. He became the father of Israel Hall, who was born October 8, 1696, and was married to Abigail Powell on the 4th of April, 1721. Their son, Joash Hall, was born in Meriden, June 15, 1740, and his wife Sarah, was born in New Haven, in February, 1766. They were the parents of Joash Hall, Jr., who married and had a son, Sherman Allen Hall, who was born May 22, 1785, in New Haven and passed away October 3, 1865, in De Kalb county, at which time he was the oldest Mason in the state of Illinois. His wife, Betsy (Hutchins) Hall, was born October 7, 1792, in the state of New York and her death occurred November 19, 1856. Joash and Sarah Hall were also the parents of Samuel Powell Hall, mentioned above.

Russell Richardson Hall, a son of Sherman Allen and Betsy

(Hutchins) Hall, was born in Jefferson county, New York, December 25, 1818, and settled in De Kalb county, Illinois, in 1845, there residing until his death, which occurred August 15, 1905. On December 16, 1847, he married Ruth Ann Simmons, who was born July 10, 1823, and passed away in August, 1861. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman A. Hall were: Sherman A., Jr., and William, both of whom died in De Kalb county; Elbert, who removed to Kane county, Illinois, and there resided until his death; and Mrs. Fannie Bailey, who passed away in De Kalb county.

Emeline Mandana, the only daughter of Russell R. and Ruth A. (Simmons) Hall, was born October 17, 1848, and became the wife of Christopher Columbus Duffy, who served for twenty-nine years as clerk of the appellate court of the northern district of Illinois. He was born April 15, 1841, and died August 4, 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Duffy were married August 15, 1872, and had a family of six children. Sherman Reilly, born May 21, 1873, in Lisbon, Illinois, is a prominent magazine writer and editor of Chicago newspapers. Guy Oliver was born in Oswego, Illinois, April 6, 1879, and died in Ottawa, this state, December 6, 1928. Ruth Emeline was born in Oswego, November 20, 1881, and became the wife of Burton Sims Jordan on the 30th of October, 1907. Jane was born in Plano, Illinois, November 1, 1883, and died August 27, 1914. Helen, born in Plano, August 29, 1889, was married December 17, 1908, to Stephen D. Balliet and their daughter, Helen Elizabeth, was born October 3, 1909. She wedded Francis R. Brandherm on October 25, 1927, and they have one child, Helen Ann Brandherm, born June 6, 1929. Helen (Duffy) Balliet is now the wife of Charles H. Workman, to whom she was married September 29, 1917. Christie Duffy, born in Ottawa, November 23, 1891, was married November 6, 1920, to Palmer Hoke Wright. They have two children: Palmer Hoke, Jr., who was born November 1, 1921; and Jane Emeline, born August 26, 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Russell R. Hall were also the parents of two sons: Samuel Powell; and Frank, who was born in 1858 and passed away in 1920.

Samuel P. Hall, Sr., attended the public schools of Aurora, Illinois, graduated from Jennings Seminary of Aurora, and after-

ward studied law, and passed his examination June 17, 1879, in the old appellate courthouse on Columbus street. His funds were limited and when he came to Ottawa to take the bar examination he stopped at its cheapest hotel, the old Ottawa House, located on the site now occupied by the Boat Club. Through the exercise of self-denial and strict economy he managed to meet his expenses but it was many weeks after he passed the examination before he could spare enough money to buy his sheepskin. He entered upon his career as an attorney in La Salle, which was then a rough river town, and there was plenty of excitement and much work for representatives of the legal profession. He and rival lawyers were in the justice of peace courts day after day battling for the men who engaged in street quarrels and saloon brawls. Thus Mr. Hall gained experience as an advocate and in time he became noted as both a civil and criminal lawyer. His practice grew steadily and in 1890, when he was elected probate judge, he removed to Ottawa. For four years he presided over that court, dispensing justice with an even hand and was the last democratic judge in La Salle county to hold that office. In 1894 he resumed his legal work in La Salle, which has since been the scene of his professional labors. He lived in Ottawa until 1900, when he moved back to La Salle, but returned to Ottawa in 1922 and has since remained here, residing in the suburb of Eastwood with his son-in-law, L. R. Jones, and his daughter, Ruth. Time has dealt kindly with Judge Hall, who is remarkably well preserved, and six days in the week he makes the sixteen-mile trip between his office and his home. For fifty-one years he has been a member of the Illinois bar and is the oldest legal practitioner in La Salle county and one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in the state. Experience and study have broadened his knowledge, which is comprehensive and exact, enabling him to speak with authority upon matters pertaining to legal science. He has been retained as counsel in many important cases and has long been regarded as one of the foremost representatives of his profession in Illinois.

Judge Hall was married December 18, 1881, to Miss Carrie Henry, who passed away March 12, 1925. They were the parents of five children: Samuel P., Jr., who was born September 27,

1882, in La Salle and for more than twenty years has been sports editor of the Herald-Examiner and other Hearst newspapers, in which connection he is nationally known; James Bruce, who was born November 9, 1883, in La Salle, and died March 12, 1912; Ruth Ann, who was born December 18, 1888, was married November 25, 1920, to Lawrence R. Jones of La Salle county, and has a son, Lawrence Roy, Jr., born March 11, 1924; Blanche, who was born in Ottawa, February 27, 1892, and is at home; and Esther, who was born in Ottawa, July 4, 1894, and in 1917 became the wife of Arthur Crabow, of Peru, Illinois.

Judge Hall now gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has ever been a strong advocate of measures of reform, progress and improvement. Had he so desired, he could have retired from practice years ago, but a life of inactivity has never appealed to him, for his is an energetic nature which finds its best expression in the faithful performance of every task undertaken and the efficient discharge of those duties which are essential to advancement and improvement. His long, useful and upright career reflects credit and honor upon his profession and contains much that is of inspirational value.

EMIL METZGER

Prominent among Peoria's able and prosperous men, Emil Metzger has been successful in two widely different lines of activity, being the president of the Peoria Barbers' Supply Company and president of the Reliance Motor Company, both of which have been in existence for a number of years. Mr. Metzger was born in Germany on the 24th of November, 1869, a son of Philip and Rose Metzger, both of whom were lifelong residents of Germany. The father fought in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71. He was a merchant tailor and he and his wife were members of the Apostolic Christian Church.

Emil Metzger came to the United States at an early age and was educated in the public schools of Peoria, where he has resided continuously since boyhood. On leaving school he learned the trade of razor grinding under the late John Schneider, and in

1912 bought the business from Mr. Schneider and still conducts it, under the name of the Peoria Barbers' Supply Company, handling a full line of barbers' goods. He is sole owner of the business, which he has built up until it is one of the leading concerns in its line in this section of the state. In 1908 Mr. Metzger entered the automobile business, taking the local agency for the Hupmobile at the time of its first appearance on the market, and has handled this well known car to the present time. In 1918 he assumed the personal management of the business, which is conducted under the name of the Reliance Motor Company, Inc., of which he is president and general manager. He is a sagacious and capable business man and is known as one of Peoria's substantial citizens.

On September 18, 1913, in Peoria, Mr. Metzger was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Ramseyer, who was born in Harper, Kansas, a daughter of John and Josephina (Herman) Ramseyer. Her father is deceased and her mother lives with her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Metzger have had four children, Herman Philip, Joseph Frederick and Edith Marjorie, at home; and Lois Corine, deceased. Mr. Metzger is nominally a republican, but is an independent voter. He belongs to Schiller Lodge, No. 335, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Mount Hawley Country Club; and the Peoria Association of Commerce. Affable in manner, sincere in his relations with his fellowmen and courteous and accommodating in business, he enjoys the respect and good will of those who have had dealings with him and is regarded as one of Peoria's valuable citizens.

HEYL & HEYL

One of the strong and successful law firms in the upper Illinois River Valley is that of Heyl & Heyl, of Peoria, which holds a foremost place in the legal circles of this section of the state. The members of the firm are Clarence W. and Harry C. Heyl. Clarence W. Heyl, the senior member, was born May 14, 1884, at Manito, Mason county, Illinois, and is the eldest of the three

children of William E. and Etura (Venard) Heyl. On the maternal side they are descended from Revolutionary stock, one of their ancestors, William Cole having fought for seven years in the war for independence. Both parents were lifelong residents of Mason county and the father died in 1923, and the mother in 1922. The father followed farming throughout his active life, and always commanded the respect of those who knew him. Their daughter Elsie, the second in order of birth, is the wife of Rev. A. R. McLaughlin, who for many years has been a minister of the Congregational Church, having served for eleven years as pastor of the First Church in Peoria and now pastor of the First Church in Dubuque, Iowa. They are the parents of two children, Venard C., born December 29, 1911, and Shirley Frances, born April 10, 1917.

Clarence W. Heyl attended country schools of Mason county, the public schools of Danville, Illinois, and the high school at Washington, this state. He entered Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1908. On December 11th of the preceding year he had been admitted to the bar and he entered upon his professional career with the firm of Sheen & Miller, of Peoria. In 1909 he went with Stevens, Miller & Elliott, with whom he remained for one year. He then practiced alone until 1915, when he formed a partnership with Shelton F. McGrath, under the firm name of Heyl & McGrath. One year later he and his brother, Harry C. Heyl, formed the firm of Heyl & Heyl, and are located at 807 Central National Bank building. This has proved a strong and successful combination and they command a large and important practice in the courts of this section of the state.

On December 25, 1909, Clarence Heyl was united in marriage to Miss Mayme Randolph, a daughter of Elmer E. and Laura (Black) Randolph, both of whom are deceased, the father passing away July 3, 1923, and the mother May 5, 1924. Mr. and Mrs. Heyl are the parents of two children, Helen Grace, born June 25, 1911, a graduate of Ferry Hall, of Lake Forest, Illinois, and now attending Northwestern University at Evanston, and William Randolph, born December 28, 1914, and now in high school. Mr. Heyl and his family are members of the First Con-

gregational Church of Peoria. He has taken an active interest in matters affecting the public welfare and served two years as a member of the board of education. He belongs to Illinois Lodge No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Peoria. His name is on the membership roll of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Creve Coeur Club, the Mt. Hawley Country Club, the University Club, the Optimist Club, the Midland Club of Chicago, the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, and the national legal fraternity Phi Delta Phi. He is a member of the Peoria Bar Association, of which he was president for one year, the Illinois State Bar Association, of which he is a member of the board of governors and the first vice president; and the American Bar Association.

Harry C. Heyl, of the firm of Heyl & Heyl, was born December 6, 1893, at Manito, Mason county, Illinois, attended the public schools there and then matriculated in the Bradley Polytechnic Institute at Peoria, Illinois, graduating in 1911. He entered the law department of Illinois Wesleyan University the same year and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1914. In February, 1915 he was admitted to the bar and at once commenced the practice of law with his brother, with whom he is still associated.

On February 11, 1920, Mr. Heyl was united in marriage to Miss Cephas Ryan, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, and is a daughter of Patrick and Julia F. Ryan. They are the parents of a son, Richard F., born January 17, 1925. Mr. Heyl is a member of Manito Lodge, No. 476, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, Alpha Deuteron chapter of Phi Gamma Delta at Illinois Wesleyan, the Creve Coeur Club, the University Club, and the Peoria North Shore Country Club. He is also a member of Peoria Post, No. 2, American Legion, being a veteran of the World war. He attended the first officers training camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, from which he was transferred to Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia, where he was attached to the One Hundred and Eighteenth Field Artillery, Thirty-first Division. He was commissioned a second lieutenant

of field artillery at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, and was honorably discharged from the service on December 23, 1918. He served as city attorney of Peoria, from 1919 to 1923, and as corporation counsel from 1925 to 1929, and is recognized as an able and reliable attorney.

HERMAN J. BRIDEGROOM

Herman J. Bridgroom, who is serving his second term as a justice of the peace in Peoria, has made a splendid record in both business affairs and public office, reflecting creditably on his ability, discriminating judgment and honesty. Born in Washington county, Kansas, on the 20th of February, 1880, he is a son of Herman John and Caroline (Hartung) Bridgroom. The father, a native of Germany, came with his parents to the United States in young manhood, the family settling near Lima, Ohio. He was reared to farm life, which he followed until his death in 1880. The mother also was a native of Germany, where she was reared to the age of fourteen years, when she came alone to the United States, going direct to Wyanette, Illinois, where she had relatives living. Her mother died in Germany and some time after the daughter came to this country her father also came. After the death of Herman John Bridgroom his widow took her family to Bureau county, Illinois, where she kept house for the paternal grandfather, Jacob Bridgroom until his death, in 1917. Julius Bridgroom, a brother of Herman John, fought in defense of his adopted country during the Civil war.

Herman J. Bridgroom attended the public schools of Bureau county to the age of fourteen years, when he accompanied his mother on her removal to Peoria, in the public schools of which city he completed his education. At an early age he learned the pottery trade with the Peoria Pottery Company, and worked at that trade until 1903, when he became connected with the city engineer's office, in which he remained for fourteen years. In 1914 he became assistant city engineer, serving for four years, when he became identified with the Avery Manufacturing Company, makers of farm machinery. He was paymaster for that

concern for six years and during that period was a member of the county board of supervisors for six years. In 1925 he was elected justice of the peace, and in 1929 was reelected for another four-year term. He has filled this office in a very capable and satisfactory manner and is noted for the fairness and justice of his decisions.

On October 19, 1919, Mr. Bridegroom was united in marriage to Miss Linn Kirtley, a native of Mason City, Illinois, and a daughter of John and Harriet Kirtley, both of whom are living. Her father, who is descended from an old and well known Kentucky family, has retired from active business pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Bridegroom attend the German Lutheran Church of Peoria. Mr. Bridegroom is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in all of its branches, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America.

GEORGE F. HENTHORNE

One of the oldest accountants and secretaries long in active service in the Illinois River Valley was George F. Henthorne, of Peoria, who, when past four score years of age, was still following the regular business program which he had been connected with for fifty-five years. He was born near Lacon, Marshall county, Illinois, on the 17th of March, 1846, and was a son of Nelson G. and Elizabeth Catherine (Moeller) Henthorne. In the paternal line Mr. Henthorne was descended from northern English ancestors. Nelson G. Henthorne was born in Pennsylvania on April 10, 1810, and later moved to Ohio, settling near Bucyrus, where he engaged in farming and also taught school during his earlier years. Later he moved to Illinois, settling on a tract of land two miles south of Lacon, where he farmed during the summers and taught school during the winters. In 1848 he gave up farming and moved to the town of Lacon, where he took up carpenter work and did building and commercial cabinet work. He resided in that city up to the time of his death, in 1890. Elizabeth Catherine Moeller was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, and was the daughter of a physician. Later her parents moved to Ohio, where



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she met and became the wife of Mr. Henthorne. To these parents were born ten children, of whom George F. was the last survivor. One of his brothers, Charles O. Henthorne, was a prominent contractor and was identified with Ferdinand Peck, who was the contractor for the construction of the Auditorium building, in Chicago. Another brother, Lincoln R., was an artist of some note and held a prominent position for some years in the post office department at Washington, D. C. Nelson G. Henthorne took a deep interest in the educational affairs of his community and at one time went from Lacon to Ohio, where he engaged S. M. Etter to take charge of the Lacon schools. Mr. Etter was connected with the schools of Lacon for many years and was elected superintendent of public instruction of the state of Illinois a number of years later.

George F. Henthorne received his elementary education in the public schools of Lacon, Illinois, and on May 15, 1864, at the age of eighteen years, enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, with which command he saw six months of active service in the southland, being honorably discharged at Peoria on October 31, 1864. He had been in training for a short time at Peoria and then was sent by boat to Kentucky. He did garrison duty at Columbus, Kentucky, and Cairo, Illinois. In 1865, Mr. Henthorne took up bookkeeping and accountancy, after which he worked in the Lacon post office for a year receiving a salary of one hundred dollars, and was next employed by Fischer, Chapman & Company at six hundred dollars per year, but was soon given an increase in salary and remained in that position for three years leaving them in 1870 to enter the employ of H. & J. Schwabacher with which firm and its successors he continued to the time of his death, during which period he never lost a day's pay. Thorough and dependable in everything he did, he was greatly esteemed by the people with whom he was connected, for he had been a constant and reliable factor in the business organization.

Mr. Henthorne became a member of the Free and Accepted Masons at Sparland, Marshall county, Illinois, in 1870, and always maintained a keen interest in the work of the order. He was a past high priest of Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M., and a

past grand high priest of the grand chapter of Illinois; he was a past sovereign master of Peoria Council, No. 11, R. & S. M.; a past eminent commander of Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; a charter member of Mohammed Temple, O. M. S., of which he was a past potentate, and Bryner Post, G. A. R., of Peoria. Mr. Henthorne was the possessor of a document bearing the signatures of President Lincoln and Edwin M. Stanton, which expresses appreciation of services rendered by him during the war. He and W. H. Day, both of Peoria, were the sole survivors of the famous One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Regiment living in Peoria. Mr. Henthorne possessed a bill of lading, issued to his grandfather, James Henthorne, at St. Louis, Missouri, by Shaw & Tatum, on October 3, 1835, for goods, comprising boxes and crates of furniture, beds and chairs, from St. Louis to Columbia, Illinois, twenty-five miles north of Peoria and which place is now known as Lacon. The goods in question were originally shipped by boat from Ohio to St. Louis and there transferred to the Ada and continued on to Columbia. Mr. Henthorne joined the Creve Coeur Club of Peoria one year after its organization and was its secretary for over twenty years. He was also a member of the Association of Commerce. He was ever true to all of the obligations of citizenship and to the highest civic ideals and during all the years of his residence here he commanded the fullest measure of public esteem.

JOHN B. MULLER, JR.

John B. Muller, Jr., cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Princeville, is one of the leading men of that locality and, being a man of long experience in the banking business, is conducting the affairs of this bank with excellent judgment. He was born in Deer Creek township, Tazewell county, Illinois, October 20, 1888, a son of William H. and Katie (Wistehuff) Muller. His paternal grandfather, John B. Muller, was born in Alsace-Lorraine, and came to the United States in 1854. He arrived in Illinois the same year, and settled at Wesley City, Tazewell county, in 1856. He farmed for many years in Groveland town-

ship and from 1875 resided in Washington township, where his death occurred May 29, 1929. His wife, whose maiden name was Marie Maier, was a native of Groveland township and died in 1907. Her parents came from Alsace-Lorraine, her father, John B. Maier, locating in Groveland township in 1835. He was compelled to walk to Springfield, Illinois, to file his claim. The maternal grandfather, Charles Wistehuff, was born in Saxony, Germany, and after coming to this country married Catherine Minch, of Washington township. Her father and grandfather, with three of the latter's brothers, went to Holland's Grove, Washington township, Tazewell county, in 1834. The mother of Catherine (Minch) Wistehuff and eight of her children located at Farmdale, Illinois, in 1832, at which time Peoria was known as Fort Clark. Several brothers in the Minch family served in the Union Army during the Civil war. Great-grandfather Minch gave the ground on which was built the Evangelical Church at Holland's Grove.

William H. Muller was born in Groveland township, Tazewell county, has always followed farming, and is now living at Washington, Illinois. His wife was born in Washington township, Tazewell county. To them were born nine children, all of whom are living: Robert F., a farmer in Groveland township, Tazewell county; Clarence C., a farmer in Fond du Lac township, Tazewell county; Ada, the wife of William J. Doering, a farmer of Peoria county; Earl, who is residing on the home place in Washington township; Charles C., a farmer of Washington township; Mary, at home; Walter, a graduate of North Central College, at Naperville, Illinois, and now engaged in the insurance business; Elmo, who is on the home place; and John B.

John B. Muller received his education in the public schools of Washington township, after which he took a course in Brown's Business College in Peoria. In 1905 he entered the Central National Bank of Peoria, where he remained until 1909, when he changed to the First National Bank of East Peoria, with which institution he continued until 1916, when he went to work for the Commercial National Bank of Peoria. In 1917 he went to the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Forest, Livingston county, Illinois, remaining there until 1924, when he became cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Princeville, which posi-

tion he is now filling in a very capable and satisfactory manner.

Mr. Muller was married, October 18, 1911, to Miss Louise Gerber, of Groveland township, Tazewell county, and they are the parents of four children, John William, Gladys L., and Emma G., who are at home and attending high school, and Arden W., who met death by drowning on May 29, 1929. Mr. Muller is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Dunlap, Illinois, and belongs to the Kiwanis Club, of which he was the first president in 1926 and is now a trustee. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and served as secretary of the Laymen's Association of the Illinois conference. He is a man of strong character and sterling integrity and throughout the community is regarded as one of its most dependable citizens.

MARTIN B. LOHMANN

Martin B. Lohmann, who has made a most commendable record as a member of the state legislature since first elected to that body in the fall of 1922, represents the district comprising Tazewell, Brown, Cass, Menard, Mason and Schuyler counties. We are indebted to a contemporary biographer for the comprehensive review of his career which here follows:

"As a business man, a citizen and a politician, one of the interesting Illinoisans of the present generation is Martin B. Lohmann of Pekin, Tazewell county, Illinois. His record reveals the overcoming of the handicap of practically no education in his early life and a long steady pull at his ambitions until he has achieved independence and political success and is recognized by both the people of his county and the state of Illinois as a fighter for those things that will be of benefit to the masses of the people. Martin B. Lohmann was born in Groveland township, Tazewell county, Illinois, August 27, 1881. He is a son of John B. and Cathrine (Kief) Lohmann, who were married at Lincoln, Illinois, February 15, 1877. Both his father and mother came from that hardy German stock which is responsible for the development of many of the cities of central Illinois. The ancestors of both his parents weathered the hardships of the pioneer to estab-

lish for their families and the coming generations a home in a new country. John B. Lohmann, his father, was also born in Tazewell county, Illinois, March 11, 1854. He is a son of John George Lohmann, who was born in Oberstein, Hessen, Darmstadt, Germany, February 6, 1826. At the age of twenty-five, John George Lohmann hearing of the opportunities offered by the new country beyond the sea, decided to leave his Fatherland. On April 12, 1851, with a small party, he set sail for America in a small sailing vessel. After a long voyage filled with hardships the little party landed and settled at Sand Prairie, Illinois, which is now South Pekin. He lived at this place until 1868, when he moved with his wife and children to Brush Hill, northeast of Pekin, where he bought a farm. In Germany he was a weaver of linens but in the new country he followed farming until 1889, when he retired and moved to Pekin. He died February 21, 1915, after rearing seven children. The father of John George Lohmann was Jacob Lohmann, of Darmstadt, Germany.

"John B. Lohmann is the eldest son of John George Lohmann and is still one of the active citizens of Pekin. During his life he has engaged in farming and in the farm implement business and has been active in the political and civic affairs of his county. He has always championed the cause of the democratic party and has fought constantly for the principles of democracy. For several years he was tax collector of the county and has served his party and the people in many ways from a political standpoint. During his entire life he has been a member of the Lutheran Church and active as a deacon. In his earlier days he took a great deal of interest in hunting and was outstanding as a marksman. His friends today comment on the few times that he missed his aim. Mr. Lohmann is a great lover of flowers and is a lover of people. Possibly he finds his greatest enjoyment in the visits that he receives from his many friends from over the entire country. He has seen Pekin grow from a struggling village to the city of industry that it now is. He is a lover of honesty and the teaching of that principle is the greatest heritage that he will leave his children.

"From the Kief family our subject inherits an added amount of hardiness and determination. Cathrine Kief was born in

Tazewell county, Illinois, July 10, 1856. She was a descendant of Rudolph Kief, who sailed for America from Germany in 1851. It is thought that the Kief family originally lived in Ireland, where they were known under the name of O'Kief. During the religious wars of that country they fled to Germany, where the prefix O' was omitted from the name. The ways and means of traveling of a century ago were only undertakings of hardship and suffering, but dauntless Rudolph Kief forgot these and with his family left Germany to weather the Atlantic in a small sailing brig. It took them three months to travel from Germany to the United States, and during this period sickness, hardships and death were endured. But the party was not to be discouraged and finally they landed at the mouth of the Mississippi at New Orleans. The travelers then boarded a lighter vessel and the trip was continued up the Mississippi to St. Louis, then on the Illinois to the village of Pekin, which was their goal. One of the greatest incentives for coming to this country was to fulfill the wish of Rudolph Kief, who was devoted to his cousin, Rudolph Fry, who had previously settled at Pekin. Upon arriving it was learned that Mr. Fry had been claimed by death and this sad news was so keenly felt that Rudolph Kief expressed regret that he had left his Fatherland. Within a few years Mr. Kief passed away and was buried at Havana, Illinois. Rudolph Kief was the father of eight children, of whom Wolrad Kief was the eldest.

"Wolrad Kief was born in Reilingen, Gross Schwertzig, Baden, Germany, November 3, 1827. He served his country in the war of 1847 and 1848 and delighted to tell of his many experiences in that conflict. He was married in Germany, in 1847, to Magdalena Wehrer and upon their arrival in the United States they lived in Pekin for a number of years. He was the founder of the present St. Paul's Evangelical Church of Pekin and was the last charter member. After a few years he moved to Logan county, Illinois, and settled on a farm near Hartsburg. Through his influence the present St. John's Church of Lincoln was also established. He lived to see both of these churches celebrate their golden jubilee. He died at Lincoln, Illinois, October 6, 1916, at the age of eighty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Wolrad

Kief were the parents of twelve children, of whom Cathrine was the seventh in order of birth.

"Cathrine (Kief) Lohmann, mother of our subject, passed away February 6, 1915, at the age of fifty-eight years. Her life was spent in devotion to her family of ten children and to her church. She was known as a mother to all and never tired of giving a helping hand to the sick and needy. She was greatly loved by all who knew her and she leaves a heritage of loving memories to her family.

"When Martin B. Lohmann was twelve years of age he left school to assist his father in making a living. His first employment was in a grocery store, where he served as delivery boy, as clerk and in other capacities for a period of nine years. During this time he made friends with most of the people of Pekin and gained for himself the practical knowledge of life. Upon leaving the grocery business he was employed by Dr. G. Z. Bames as the salesman for a magazine that was edited by him. This position lasted for only one year, when the publication became bankrupt. Our subject then entered the tailoring business. Next he conducted a butcher shop in Pekin for a number of years but eventually sold this to enter the insurance and real estate business, in which he still continues. He has always been politically active and has served his city as alderman, city clerk and commissioner. One of the outstanding accomplishments of his city political career was his success in getting the city to pay off railroad bonds totaling seventy-five thousand, five hundred dollars, which had been drawing interest for fifty-two years. This action was taken when Mr. Lohmann was alderman and he saw the final payment when he was serving as commissioner.

"In the fall of 1922 he was elected to the legislature and was again elected in 1926. He is still serving the people of his district in that body and is to be commended for the results of his untiring efforts in securing legislation that not only benefits them but the entire citizenship of the state of Illinois. He was the father of the bill that gave Pekin the new bridge that spans the Illinois river and connects State Highway No. 9 and Federal Highways Nos. 6 and 24. His first effort on this strategic piece of legislation was begun in 1923. From that time until

1925 he worked tirelessly, interviewing every member of the upper and lower house of the assembly, explaining to them the advantage of a bridge across the river near the center of the state. In 1925 he introduced the bill asking the state for four hundred thousand dollars. The bill was passed without an opposing vote, and today Pekin boasts of one of the finest and most modern bridges in the entire state. The bill was known as the 'Pivot Bridge Bill' and its author is known as 'Marty Lohmann, The Bridge Builder.' This piece of work was accomplished by a democrat with an assembly that had a republican majority and was signed by Governor Small, who also was a republican. In the beginning the people of his district thought of the bridge project only as a dream with little hope that it would ever be realized, and had it not been for the confidence and effort of Mr. Lohmann the people of Pekin would still be using the condemned structure of a bridge that was built half a century ago. The bridge at Pekin was dedicated June 2, 1930, with a large picnic, and the citizens of Pekin presented Mr. Lohmann with a Dodge sedan automobile.

"Mr. Lohmann was also the author of the Key bill, which was passed in 1929. This bill was also passed without an opposing vote and has to do with disabled veterans of the World war. Work for the assistance of the soldier has always been his hobby and the soldiers of the state owe much to his efforts. Another thing that is his interest is the conservation of the state's wild life. To this end he has drafted Bill No. 570, in which he asks for an appropriation of fourteen million dollars for the establishment of game and forest preserves.

"In addition to various committees in the legislature, Mr. Lohmann belongs to the Elks, Modern Woodmen of America, Knights of Pythias, Izaak Walton League, and the Crawfish Club. He is an enthusiastic hunter and fisherman and is interested in all athletics, being himself an expert bowler. He likes to travel and has traveled extensively over the United States. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. His reading matter consists of current literature with exceptional emphasis on political and economic matter. He is an inveterate worker and seems to never tire in the service of the people that he so ably represents.

"On December 20, 1905, he married Viola Ruth Rueling, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Rueling of Pekin, Illinois. Mrs. Lohmann was born in Tazewell county, June 18, 1885. She was educated in the grade and high schools of Pekin and in Brown's Business College. She is a lover of the out-of-doors and is an ardent sportswoman. Her people were pioneer settlers of Illinois and, like her husband, she came from German parentage. They have one daughter, Nadine Veta, who was born July 15, 1912. She is an accomplished singer and is a graduate of the Pekin high school. The entire Lohmann family are gifted musicians and nearly every one of them can play some musical instrument.

"Our subject had nine brothers and sisters as follows: Bertha Lohmann, the eldest of the family, was born February 23, 1878, and is now Mrs. A. D. Dancey. Rudolph Lohmann, who was born August 23, 1879, passed away February 21, 1926. Arthur Lohmann, whose natal day was February 1, 1884, departed this life June 8, 1889. Henry Lohmann was born January 10, 1886, and is a retired shoe manufacturer of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Fred Lohmann, born July 31, 1888, is now engaged in the real estate business at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Herman Lohmann, born September 7, 1890, is a resident of Pekin, Illinois. For years he was a prize fighter and was known throughout the world as 'Kid Herman.' During the World war he served in the army and was athletic director at Jefferson Barracks at St. Louis, Missouri. Althea Lohmann, now Mrs. Charles B. Koehler, was born November 13, 1892, and resides at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Louis Lohmann, born April 10, 1895, was a sergeant in the Eleventh Field Artillery during the World war and was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross by General Pershing on his twenty-third birthday anniversary for a heroic feat under fire. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and is living at St. Paul, Minnesota. He married Ann Nelson and they have one son, Paul Wallace, who was born November 3, 1929. Paul Lohmann, the youngest of the family, was born September 21, 1897. He graduated from Pekin high school in 1916 and attended the Illinois State Normal and the University of Minnesota for a year each. He is now associated

with his brother, Martin B. Lohmann, in the real estate and insurance business at Pekin, Illinois. He is a lover of music and for several years he conducted an orchestra. He is now assistant assessor of Tazewell county and takes an active interest in politics. He is a member of the Cosmopolitan Club and the Association of Commerce of Pekin. Paul Lohmann is an ardent lover of athletics and is an expert bowler. He has been a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America for a number of years and he also belongs to the Delta Kappa Sigma fraternity. On the 12th of August, 1926, he married Kathryn N. Clapper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Clapper. She is a member of the Eastern Star and Pythian Sisters. Like her husband, she is a lover of sports. For several years she was a teacher in the schools of the state.

"Thus ends the interesting biography of an interesting and useful family of central Illinois."

SAMUEL DOUGLAS ROAKE

One of the leading landscape engineers in the upper Illinois River Valley is Samuel D. Roake, superintendent of the Parkview cemetery, at Peoria, which, under his skillful supervision and direction, is becoming one of the most beautiful cemeteries of the middle west. Mr. Roake was born in Clarksville, Tennessee, August 15, 1898, and is a son of Herbert and Effie W. (Bennett) Roake. His father was born in England and is descended from a long line of landscape gardeners and horticulturists. His grandfather, Roboam Roake, was head gardener to Queen Victoria, having charge of the royal gardens, and later was gardener at the Kew Botanical Gardens in London. He was also head gardener for the Duchess of Sunningdale, whose gardens were world famous for the wonderful rhododendrons grown there. After severing his connections with that estate, Roboam Roake came to the United States and took charge of the cemetery at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, which is regarded as one of the finest in the south.

Herbert Roake was about eleven years of age when brought to this country by his parents. Under his father's tutelage in the old country and here he had learned the rudimentary principles of landscape gardening, and during subsequent years has become widely known for his exceptional ability as a landscape engineer, being superintendent of the Greenwood cemetery at Clarksville, Tennessee, with which he has been connected for the past thirty-five years. He constructed the famous sunken gardens in that cemetery, which cover two acres and are among the finest in the country, being considered one of the show places of the state. He also maintains a nursery at Clarksville, and at the present time is in Peoria, temporarily assisting in the landscaping and laying out of the Parkview Memorial cemetery. His wife was born in Cadiz, Kentucky, and is a member of one of the old and respected families of that state. Her ancestors came to this country from England prior to the war of the Revolution. Six of her uncles were in military service during the Civil war, three of them being in the Union Army and three on the Confederate side. They later claimed that while engaged in battle they shot in the air lest they might kill one of their brothers. To Herbert and Effie Roake were born six children, as follows: Robert S., a foreman in the Parkview Memorial cemetery at Peoria, married Miss Mary T. Kelly, a native of Clarksville, Tennessee, and they have a son, Robert S., Jr.; Nellie is the wife of Bryant Dewey Vaughn, of Clarksville, who is connected with the motion picture business, and they have a son, Bryant Dewey, Jr.; Bertie is with his parents at Clarksville; John E., of Peoria, Illinois, married Miss Elsie Suiter, of Clarksville; Dickson is at home; and Samuel Douglas.

Samuel D. Roake received his early education in the public schools of Clarksville, Tennessee, and later attended Vanderbilt University, at Nashville. While there he served in the Students Army Training Corps, from which he was honorably discharged at Nashville in 1919. On leaving college he at once became associated with his father in cemetery engineering work, remaining with him until May, 1924, when he came to Peoria as superintendent of the Parkview Memorial cemetery, which comprises one hundred and forty acres. Construction work on

this cemetery was started in 1921 and fifty acres have been laid out. Under the able supervision of Mr. Roake, Parkview cemetery is being developed into a beautiful show place. A mausoleum, with a four hundred crypt capacity, has been built, as well as a neat and capacious chapel and a receiving tomb. Future developments and plans call for an extensive lake, for which twenty thousand dollars will be spent by the association in the building of a dam, for the storing of water to be used in beautifying the grounds. Mr. Roake is enthusiastically devoted to his work, evincing artistic taste of the highest order, and is strongly commended for the splendid work which he is doing here.

On May 13, 1921, Mr. Roake was united in marriage to Miss Annie N. Bond, a native of Clarksville, Tennessee, and a daughter of W. W. and Mary E. Stokes, and they are the parents of a daughter, Effie W.

Since boyhood Mr. Roake has been a collector of postage stamps, of which he now has over three thousand specimens, including a number of rare Japanese stamps, worth several hundred dollars each. Since coming to Peoria he has made many warm friends, who appreciate his sterling qualities and professional ability.

CARL E. PHILLIPS

Carl E. Phillips, a well known attorney of Peoria, is a worthy representative of one of the honored old pioneer families of Illinois. His maternal great-grandfather Ward came west prior to Illinois' admission to the statehood and was one of those who ran out a band of renegade Indians who made much trouble in what is now Macon county, Illinois. The Phillips family is of English origin. John Phillips, grandfather of Carl E. Phillips, was born in Virginia, whence he went to Ross county, Ohio, where he lived until 1856, when he came to Illinois, locating in Logan county. Among the children born to John Phillips was Walter Leon, father of Carl E. Phillips, who was a lifelong farmer and died January 24, 1924. He married Laura Ward, who

was born and reared in Macon county, Illinois, and is a daughter of Hiram and Clara (Odor) Ward, both of whom are deceased. To Walter L. and Laura (Ward) Phillips were born two children, Cletus H., being now engaged in farming in Macon county, this state. The mother is still living.

Carl E. Phillips attended the country public school and was graduated from the high school of Decatur, Illinois, in 1911. He then entered the law department of Illinois Wesleyan University, winning the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1916. The same year he was admitted to the bar and engaged in the practice of his profession in Bloomington, Illinois, but in the spring of 1917 moved to Pana, where he engaged in general practice until August, 1917, when he enlisted in the Three Hundred and Twenty-seventh Field Artillery, which went into training at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky. He was sent overseas in May, 1918, and spent some time as a student in military schools, at Saumur and Camp Coetquidan, France. He was commissioned second lieutenant of Field Artillery, June 1, 1918, and later became a member of a school regiment and was assigned to Battery E, One Hundred and Fortieth Field Artillery. He saw active service until the close of the war and in June, 1919, was returned to the United States and sent to Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, where he was honorably discharged June 28, 1919. In the following December he opened a law office in Peoria where he is now associated with C. D. Kitchell. He is well educated in the law, is a clear and logical reasoner, and a safe and sound counselor, and commands a large and important practice in the courts of this state.

On October 5, 1922, Mr. Phillips was united in marriage to Miss Bess Alexander, of Delavan, Illinois. Her mother is deceased and her father, Stewart Alexander, has for many years resided at Delavan, where he was formerly engaged in mercantile pursuits, and later in farming. He is now serving as road commissioner. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are the parents of two children, Richard S., born April 11, 1926, and Robert W., born January 21, 1929. Mr. Phillips is a member of Stephen Decatur Lodge, No. 979, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Peoria Post, A. L.; the

Peoria University Club and Alpha Chapter of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity of Illinois Wesleyan University. His wife is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, in which she takes a very active and effective interest. Mr. Phillips is a member of the Peoria County Bar Association, and the American Bar Association, and is highly regarded among his professional colleagues.

SAMUEL ALLEN OREN, M. D.

Dr. Samuel A. Oren is numbered among the leading physicians of Lewistown, Fulton county, where he has been engaged in the practice for over a quarter of a century, during which period he has gained a high reputation as a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He was born in the home of his grandfather on North Broad street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 16th of November, 1854, and is a son of Dr. Jesse and Mary Ann Pembroke (Pray) Oren, the latter having been a daughter of Michael and Mary (Jack) Pray. The genealogy of the Oren family in this country antedates the birth of this nation, beginning with John Oren, whose son, Joseph, was born in 1754. They were both extensive landowners and lived near Newberry, York county, Pennsylvania. Joseph Oren was the father of John, Sr., born November 18, 1792, and the line comes down through John, Jr., grandfather of Dr. Samuel A. Oren. The latter's father, Jesse Oren, was born September 22, 1824, and acquired a good education. He practiced medicine in the city of Philadelphia, and during the Crimean war served on the medical staff of the Russian Army. In 1856 he removed to the state of Iowa.

Samuel A. Oren was a precocious child and is said to have been able to read manuscript at a very early age. He was taken by his parents to Iowa when two years of age and in the public schools of that state received his early education. In 1877 he graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Keokuk, Iowa, and was the first graduate of the homeopathic medical department of Iowa State University. Later Dr. Oren graduated from the law department of the same university and was admitted



DR. SAMUEL A. OREN

to practice before the supreme court and all state and federal courts. However, he never practiced law, but used his legal knowledge in caring for his extensive business interests. In 1880 he moved from LaPorte City, Iowa, to Mt. Auburn, that state, where, in addition to practicing his profession, he owned a drug store, was senior editor of the Mt. Auburn Star, was the local agent for several companies, and was engaged in the fine livestock business, owning some well bred Belgian Clydesdale horses and Shorthorn cattle. He owned and opened two hundred and thirteen acres in Bremer and Chickasaw counties, near the Wapsie river. According to the medical records of the state of Iowa, Dr. Oren was the first physician to find that diphtheria was transferable to and from animals to man. This was about 1882. In 1895 Dr. Oren came to Illinois, locating first at Lanark, where he remained until the spring of 1902, when he came to Lewistown. Here he has been engaged in the practice of his profession and enjoys a wide reputation for his ability and success. He is engaged in general practice, but gives special attention to eye, ear, nose and throat diseases, and is surgeon for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad. He is the owner of six hundred and twenty-four acres of farm land in Black Hawk county, Iowa, besides considerable property in Fulton county, Illinois, and formerly his real estate holdings comprised one thousand acres in Illinois, Iowa, Colorado and Nebraska.

On December 25, 1878, Dr. Oren was united in marriage to Miss Kate E. Welton, a daughter of Professor Henry S. and Julia (Grinnell) Welton. Her father was born November 13, 1827, at Eaton, New York, and graduated from Hamilton College in 1852. In 1855 he moved to Iowa, where he assisted in organizing the Iowa State University, being chosen its first president. He also taught Latin and Greek in the university and served as state superintendent of public schools. For ten years he was an officer of the Iowa Historical Society. For twenty-three years he was engaged in a mercantile business in Iowa City, and in 1884 he moved to Mt. Auburn, Iowa. On June 7, 1854, at Clinton, Iowa, he married Miss Julia P. Grinnell, and they had seven children. His death occurred July 5, 1902, at Lewistown, Illinois. To Dr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Oren have been born five children. Samuel

Leo, a physician, graduated from the Barnes Medical College of St. Louis, in 1899, and attended Iowa State University, after which he was associated with his father in the practice of medicine at Lewistown. He enlisted for service in the World war as a member of the Three Hundred and Third Heavy Field Artillery, with which he went overseas. He died October 9, 1918, being found dead in his camp after his return from the front, presumably dying from the effects of shell shock. He married Miss Helen Wise and they had one son, Dr. Samuel A. Oren, a dentist, who graduated in 1929, and is now practicing his profession at Rockford, Illinois, where he met and married Miss Carolyn Knoling. Arthur A. and Lilla E. Oren both live in Lewistown; Daisy May is the wife of George R. Gilmore, of Fort Morgan, Colorado. Dr. Merlin J. Oren is a dentist in Lewistown.

Dr. Oren is a republican in his political views, and is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America, as well as the Civic Legion. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee. He maintains professional affiliation with the Fulton County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the Tri-State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American Association of Railway Surgeons. He took a post-graduate course at the Chicago Polyclinic in 1895 and has always kept in close touch with the latest advances in medicine and surgery. He has had a long and useful career, crowned with well merited success, and no citizen of Fulton county is more highly esteemed by the people than he.

MISS SVEA W. LANDH

One of the main reasons for the very successful operation of the John C. Proctor Hospital at Peoria has been the capable and dependable service rendered by the superintendent of the institution, Miss Svea W. Landh, whose experience and judgment have enabled her to maintain the hospital at the highest measure of efficiency. Miss Landh was born in Stockholm, Sweden, August 18, 1884, and attended public and private schools in her

native land. In 1906 she came to the United States, locating first in Chicago, where she took up a course of study in the Chicago Training School for City, Home and Foreign Missions. She graduated from that institution in 1910, after which she attended Christ Hospital, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was graduated in 1913. She then became the head nurse and superintendent of Rest Cottage, at Cincinnati, which position she held for three years, after which she spent two years in the Good Samaritan Hospital in Sandusky, Ohio. From there she went to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she served two years as superintendent of St. Luke's Methodist Hospital, and then accepted her present position, which she has filled in a very capable and satisfactory manner. The John C. Proctor Hospital is one of the leading institutions of its kind in the Illinois River Valley and Miss Landh is justifiably proud of the fine record which it is making.

Miss Landh's parents died in Sweden when she was but a small girl and from that time to the present she has been responsible for her own career. That she has been successful is generally recognized and she has proved well adapted by nature and training for the field of effort to which she is devoting her attention. She is an active member of the American Hospital Association and the American Protestant Association, as well as the Altrusa Club of Peoria. She is a registered nurse of Ohio and is a member of the Maniboujou Club, for professional people on Lake Superior, with offices in Duluth, Minnesota. Exceedingly popular among her associates, all who know of the fine work she is doing hold her in high esteem.

NATHAN L. ROGERS

Nathan L. Rogers is the founder and present head of one of the leading bond and investment houses of central Illinois, that of N. L. Rogers & Company, Inc., the head office of which is at 416 Main street, Peoria. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky, July 27, 1894, and is a son of Newton G. and Fannie (Locke) Rogers. His father was born in Hudson, New York, in 1848, and died in 1911, after a long and successful career as a lawyer in

Louisville, Kentucky, where he stood among the leaders of the bar. He was twice married and by his first union became the father of five children: James D., a civil engineer in Chicago, married Miss Gertrude Houston and they are the parents of four children; Marie, who died in 1906, was the wife of Rhode Dorsey, of St. Mathews, Kentucky, and they had two children; Claire Louise is a school teacher in Long Beach, California; Celine is the wife of George Ewers, a stationary engineer in Long Beach; and Newton, of Chicago, married Miss Gertrude Lyons, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, and they are the parents of a son. For his second wife Mr. Rogers chose Miss Fannie Locke, who was born in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1869, and they had five children, as follows: Ophelia, the wife of Noel Dunderdale, who is engaged in the real estate business in Chicago, and they have two children; Aimee, who is a nun in the convent of the Good Shepherd in Chicago; William Winchester, of Danville, Illinois, who married Miss Helen Noll, a native of Danville, and they have one child; Florence, who is a nun in the convent of the Good Shepherd at Kansas City, Missouri; and Nathan. One of Mr. Rogers' maternal great-uncles, Boyd Winchester, served as United States minister to Switzerland during Grover Cleveland's administration.

Nathan L. Rogers attended private and public schools of his native city, graduating from the Male high school of Louisville in 1911. He worked for two years in the Chicago office of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, and then bought a cigar business in Chicago, which he ran for two years and then sold. While conducting the cigar business he became connected with the William H. Britigan organization of Chicago, a large real estate and subdividing firm, with which he remained for two years. He next began selling securities on his own account in central and southern Illinois, in which he met with very encouraging success, and in 1917, he opened an office in Decatur, Illinois, which he still maintains. In 1922 he also opened offices in Danville and Peoria, and in 1929 in Springfield and Galesburg. In 1927 he moved the headquarters of the business to Peoria, opening commodious offices on the ground floor of the Peoria Life Insurance building, at 416 Main street, sumptuous in their appointments, being elaborately fitted with period furniture, beautiful carpets

and dark mahogany fixtures, all very harmonious in style, color and arrangement. N. L. Rogers & Company operate all over the state of Illinois outside of Chicago, underwriting and distributing investment bonds and stocks. The firm was incorporated under the laws of Illinois, in January, 1925. The officers of the company are, Nathan L. Rogers, president; W. W. Rogers, vice president; and L. P. Locke, secretary and treasurer.

On February 28, 1922, Mr. Rogers was united in marriage to Miss Helen Stafford, of Decatur, Illinois, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Stafford, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are the parents of a daughter, Natalie, born May 17, 1925. Mr. Rogers is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks at Decatur, Illinois; the Creve Coeur Club of Peoria and the Association of Commerce. He is a man of marked individuality, strong and forceful in his relations with his fellowmen, and since establishing his residence in Peoria has won a high place in public regard.

PHILIPP J. HOERR

Philipp J. Hoerr, proprietor of the Ideal Concrete Block Manufacturing Company, is one of Peoria's most enterprising business men and is winning a substantial success. He was born in Peoria, Illinois, August 21, 1896, a son of Christian and Rosine (Schick) Hoerr. His paternal grandparents, Philipp Hoerr and wife, were early settlers of Peoria and the grandfather successfully operated a dairy route for many years. He died in 1925 and his wife passed away in 1909. Christian Hoerr was born in Germany and came to the United States alone in young manhood, locating first at Morton, Illinois, where he remained for a time, and then came to Peoria, where he established his permanent home. He first worked here on a farm, but later opened a grocery and meat store on East Bluff, which business he continued until 1915. He is now president of the Joyce-Laughlin Wholesale Grocery Company of Peoria, with which he has been identified for fifteen years. In 1910 he also organized the Ideal Concrete Block Manufacturing Company, the original plant being

located on East Bluff, where he owned a gravel pit. He also did general cement and construction work. He gave the cement business his personal attention, while his sons conducted the grocery store. At length Philipp J. Hoerr came into the cement business and is now the owner of the establishment. The mother, Rosine Schick, a native of Germany, came to this country alone in young womanhood, and on March 24, 1895, she became the wife of Christian Hoerr. They had six children, all of whom are living: Jacob, who resides on his father's farm of one hundred and sixty acres near Princeville, Illinois, married Miss Julia Sauer, a native of Peoria, and they have four children, Richard, Marylyn, Ralph and Ronald; Christian C., who is associated with his father in business and is vice president of the Joyce-Laughlin Wholesale Grocery Company, also conducts the grocery and meat market originally established by his father on East Bluff. He married Miss Ella Yoder, of Morton, Illinois, and to them have been born four children, one who died in infancy and Marion, Christian, Jr., and Duane; John resides in Ohio. Lena and Emma are at home.

The other member of the family is Philipp J. Hoerr, who attended the public schools of Peoria and took a commercial course in Brown's Business College, after which, in 1914 he joined his father in the cement block business. They continued together until Philipp J. enlisted in the army from Peoria. He was sent to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri, and then to Camp Crane, Allentown, Pennsylvania. After remaining there a short time, he was transferred to Camp Dix, New Jersey, where he was assigned to the Hospital Corps as ambulance driver and first aid. He had charge of seventy-two cots in his ward at Camp Dix and served as ward master for six weeks, when he was returned to Camp Crane. Shortly afterward he embarked for overseas, landing in England in the fall of 1918, his being one of the last outfits to leave this country. He was sent to France, where he remained for five months, when peace was declared. He was honorably discharged at Garden City, Long Island, March 26, 1919.

On his return to Peoria, Mr. Hoerr took over the personal management of the Ideal Concrete Block Manufacturing Com-

pany and has since operated the plant. It was formerly a corporation, but he is now the sole owner of the business. He gives employment to twenty men and is enjoying a large and steadily increasing trade. He secures his raw material from East Peoria and, in addition to supplying the local trade, has filled some large contracts in a radius of thirty miles of Peoria. He also does small street concrete work, foundations, floors, retaining walls and general construction work. He did the concrete floor and wall work for the new Kresge store, the concrete work on Kirby's garage, the largest in this city, and the concrete floor for the Godel-Howland store addition.

On March 24, 1918, Mr. Hoerr married Miss Sophie Max, of Peoria, a daughter of Gustav Max, who has worked for the Meyer Furnace Company for over twenty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Hoerr are the parents of five children, namely: Geraldine Maxine, born June 8, 1919, Bernice Eleanore, August 9, 1920, Marjorie Ann, October 18, 1924, Shirley June, June 7, 1927, and Phyllis Jean, born July 13, 1930. Mr. Hoerr is a member of Peoria Post, No. 2, A. L., and the Association of Commerce. He and his family have for many years been members of the Apostolic Christian Church and they give liberal support to all worthy benevolent causes. Mr. Hoerr is a man of earnest purpose and sincerity, commands the confidence of those who have had dealings with him and is greatly respected for his business ability and the high type of citizenship which he exemplifies.

AUGUST WAHLFELD

August Wahlfeld, president and general manager of the Wahlfeld Manufacturing Company of Peoria, incorporated in 1893, has here been engaged in the planing mill business on his own account for a period covering nearly four decades. He was born in the province of Hanover, Germany, October 4, 1857, his parents being Herman and Anna (Buchman) Wahlfeld, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father was an agriculturist by occupation and was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church.

August Wahlfeld acquired his education in the schools of Germany and remained a resident of his native land until twenty-three years of age, when he crossed the Atlantic to the United States. Making his way into the interior of the country, he located first in Havana, Mason county, Illinois, where he worked as a journeyman builder and carpenter for three years. It was in 1882 that he came to Peoria and entered the employ of a firm, proprietors of a planing mill, for whom he worked as a cabinet-maker for nine years, becoming an expert in his line. On the expiration of that period, in 1891, he embarked in business for himself on South Washington street, opposite his present site, and began the manufacture of building material and furniture of all kinds, including office and bank fixtures. The business was organized on a small scale, giving employment at first to only two men, but today August Wahlfeld is at the head of a great manufacturing corporation employing over one hundred men in its different branches. The plant of the company occupies a space one hundred and fifty feet by one hundred and forty feet, has three stories and a basement and is one of the largest institutions of its kind in Peoria. In 1893 Mr. Wahlfeld incorporated his interests under the name of the Wahlfeld Manufacturing Company, of which he has since been president and general manager. The company manufactures office fixtures, store fixtures, interior work for houses and churches, doors, blinds and windows and handles glass and lumber. A contemporary biographer said: "The progress and development of the Wahlfeld Manufacturing Company is purely the result of the ability and energy of its president. He controls and directs the policy of the company, has an active and personal knowledge of the details of the business and is an expert workman himself. His power of organization and his capacity for hard and unremitting labor have developed the concern from a little shop with its two employes into a great manufacturing plant which is a dominating factor in the industrial and commercial life of Peoria." The business site is 1101-1125 South Washington street.

On the 21st of November, 1882, in Peoria, Mr. Wahlfeld was united in marriage to Miss Anna Wahlfeld, a native of Germany and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wahlfeld. She passed

away in Peoria, Illinois, leaving two sons: Ernest, who is secretary of the Wahlfeld Manufacturing Company; and Otto H., born November 11, 1891, who is vice president of the company. The latter was first married to Miss Frieda Wallner of Davenport, Iowa, who died in Peoria and who bore him two sons, James and Willis. For his second wife Otto H. Wahlfeld chose Miss Elizabeth Meek of Peoria. The second wife of August Wahlfeld, whom he married in February, 1905, bore the maiden name of Minnie Robin, was born in Germany and is a daughter of Meves Robin of Davenport, Iowa.

In politics Mr. Wahlfeld maintains an independent attitude, supporting men and measures rather than party. During the World war he took an active part in the various Liberty Loan drives. He belongs to the Association of Commerce and to the Illinois Manufacturers Association and also has membership in the Creve Coeur Club and the Peoria Country Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Masonic order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, belonging to Peoria Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M., and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Peoria. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, the teachings of which find exemplification in his daily life. He has never regretted his determination to come to America, for here he found the opportunities which he sought and in their wise utilization has won both prosperity and an honored name. Though past the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he is still an active factor in the world's work and he has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as one of Peoria's substantial and highly esteemed citizens.

JOSEPH W. MAPLE

For over four decades Joseph W. Maple has honored the legal profession by his conscientious devotion and able services, and no member of the Peoria county bar stands higher in public esteem than he. Born in Peoria county on the 14th of April, 1862, he is a son of Abraham and Louisa (Watrous) Maple. The fam-

ily is of old Revolutionary stock, and the paternal grandparents were Isaac and Mary (Fuller) Maple, both of whom were natives of Ohio, and in an early day came to Peoria county, where they spent their remaining years, the father engaging in farming. Among their children was Abraham, who was born in Ohio in 1830 and accompanied his parents on their removal to Peoria county, Illinois. He also followed farming as an occupation and was successful in his affairs. He served as a corporal in the Civil war, gave his political support to the democratic party and was a member of the Baptist Church. His wife, who was born in Ohio in 1833 and died in Missouri, was a daughter of Samuel and Julia Watrous, both of whom were natives of Ohio and died in Peoria, Illinois, where the father had been a farmer for many years.

Joseph W. Maple attended the public and high schools of Peoria county, and then took up the study of law in the office of W. T. Whiting, finishing his law course under Michael O'Shaughnessy. He was admitted to the bar in 1886 and then became associated in practice with his former preceptor, under the firm name of O'Shaughnessy & Maple. Later he became a member of the law firm of Maple & Lovett, his partner being Robert H. Lovett, now deceased. For many years Mr. Maple has followed his profession independently and has always commanded a large practice. With a profound knowledge of the law, he combines skill in its application, conscientious devotion to the interests of his clients and earnestness and determination.

On September 15, 1887, in Peoria, Mr. Maple was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Miller, a native of Peoria and a daughter of Henry C. and Laura (Fisher) Miller, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Maple received her education in the public schools of Peoria, and is a member of the Women's Club of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Maple are the parents of three daughters, namely: Mrs. George W. Fulks, of Boston, Massachusetts; Mrs. Thomas J. Alward, of Springfield, Illinois; and Mrs. Dean McCormick, of Evanston, Illinois. Mr. Maple supports the democratic party and has shown a keen interest in local public affairs. He was probate judge of Peoria county and for a number of years was a member of the board of education in the city of Peoria. He

belongs to Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Peoria Lodge, No. 250, K. P.; the Creve Coeur Club; and the Association of Commerce. He is secretary and attorney for the Central City Loan and Homestead Association. He and his wife are earnest members of the First Congregational Church, to which they give liberal support, and he is affiliated with the Peoria County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Mr. Maple has been more than ordinarily successful in the practice of law and is regarded as one of the sturdy, able and dependable members of his profession in this valley.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF CANTON

Canton is fortunate in having among its public institutions so worthy and well conducted an organization as the Young Men's Christian Association, which for a number of years has been a medium of distinctive service to the community. The association is incorporated under the laws of the state and prior to 1911 was housed at various locations in this city, but in that year the present handsome and substantial Association building was erected, at a cost of thirty-five thousand dollars. It is constructed of brick, was built by public subscription and if erected today would probably cost one hundred thousand dollars. The building has city steam and city water and is classed as semi-fireproof.

In the basement of the building are located the swimming pool, the shower room and the game room. On the first floor are the general office, lobby, parlor, reading room and the gymnasium, which with its balconies, occupies also a part of the second floor. On the second floor are class rooms, the dining room, kitchen, ladies' rest room and some dormitories, while the third floor is devoted to dormitories. In the building there are suitable places for business, club and social gatherings, and several religious organizations of the town also meet here.

The Association employs a full-time physical director and

its athletic program includes baseball, tennis, playground ball, swimming and general physical education. In the building they play basket-ball and volley-ball and regular gymnasium classes are conducted for the benefit of those who desire the work. The building is provided with modern and up-to-date furnishings, as well as game tables, gymnastic apparatus and such other equipment as is needed. The local association is connected with the State, National and International Young Men's Christian Associations, has about five hundred and fifty members, and is supported by endowments and subscriptions. The endowments were given by W. G. Orendorff, the Misses Graham and B. F. Coleman, all of Canton, contributions also being made by Minerva Hunkle, Laura Thornton and others. The building has twenty dormitory rooms and is closed to the public at ten o'clock P. M. Harry Seamans was the first secretary of the Association in Canton and was a large factor in arousing local interest in the proposition for a new building. He is now connected with the Young Men's Christian Association at Joliet, Illinois. Roscoe Blair Bassler has served as general secretary since 1928 and is discharging his duties in a manner that has won him high praise.

J. J. McNALLY

For thirty-five years J. J. McNally has been officially connected with the Lewistown National Bank, at Lewistown, Fulton county, and during twenty-two years of this period has served as cashier, in which capacity he has been an important factor in the splendid record of prosperity which the bank has enjoyed. Mr. McNally was born in Lewistown on the 22d of September, 1865, and is a son of John and Ann (Golden) McNally. His parents were natives of Ireland and came to Lewistown, Illinois, in the early part of 1865. John McNally was a day laborer, lather and plasterer, was highly respected and remained a resident of this city until his death, in 1903. His widow passed away in 1912.

J. J. McNally received his education in the public schools of his home town and then went to work as station agent for the

Fulton County Narrow Gauge Railway at Lewistown, which position he held from 1884 to 1894. He then entered the Lewistown National Bank as assistant cashier, and in 1907 he was made cashier, from which time to the present he has been the active executive head of that institution. The bank was opened for business but seven months before he became connected with it, so that his period of service embraces practically the life of the institution.

On November 16, 1892, Mr. McNally was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Cullinane, of Havana, Mason county, Illinois, and to them were born three children, Raymond, deceased, and Paul J. and Dennis, both of Lewistown. The mother died in 1903 and in 1904 Mr. McNally was united in marriage to Mrs. Sarah Burke, of Macomb, Illinois, and they have a son, Joseph J., who is a student in the medical school of Northwestern University, at Evanston, Illinois.

Mr. McNally is a democrat in his political views and is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Kiwanis Club, and is treasurer of the City Improvement Association, treasurer of the Thompson Drainage and Levee district and treasurer of the Liverpool Drainage and Levee district. He has spent his entire life in Lewistown, where he is well known, and no resident of the community stands higher than he in the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen, who regard him as one of the city's representative men.

MICHAEL GLEASON, M. D.

Thorough collegiate training and natural ability have well qualified Dr. Michael Gleason for his chosen profession which he is following in Mendota, and although he has practiced here for but a brief period, he has already gained prominence as a physician and surgeon. He was born in Thomasville, Montgomery county, Illinois, January 19, 1901, and is a son of James A. and Anna (Walsh) Gleason. His father, a native of Streator, Illinois, was long engaged in the banking business but now lives retired in Chicago. The mother was born in Bloomington, Illinois, but her

parents were natives of Ireland. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Gleason numbers seven children, of whom Dr. Gleason was the third in order of birth. The others are James, Johanna, Jeannette, Leo, Phillip and Levina, all of whom reside in Chicago.

When his high school education was completed Dr. Gleason went to Omaha, Nebraska, where he matriculated in Creighton University, from which he received three degrees, those of B. S. in 1923, A. B. in 1926 and M. D. in 1927. Afterward he took post-graduate work in the Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo, New York, and in 1929 opened a well equipped office in Mendota. As a general practitioner he has already become well established and the number of his patients is steadily increasing. He closely studies the cases entrusted to his care and in the utilization of his scientific knowledge is guided by keen discernment and sound judgment.

Dr. Gleason votes with the democratic party and is an adherent of the Roman Catholic faith. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the La Salle County and Illinois State Medical Societies and the American Medical Association and through these connections as well as through study and research he keeps in touch with the latest developments in the profession. Deeply interested in his work, he gives to it his undivided attention and is coming rapidly to the fore as a physician and surgeon.

P. JAY PARK

P. Jay Park, a Ford dealer, has engaged in business for ten years under the style of the Rushville Motor Company, of which he is the president, and also figures prominently in civic affairs as a member of the board of aldermen. He was born in North Platte, Lincoln county, Nebraska, June 19, 1893, and is a son of William Lee Park and of Scotch and Irish descent. The grandfather, Lieutenant Colonel Josiah Brown Park, was born April 23, 1831, in the county of Chemung, New York. He received a fair education at the Elmira Academy, pursuing among other



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studies surveying and engineering, which afterward became his profession. At the age of twenty he went to the state of Michigan, where he remained until the breaking out of the rebellion in 1861. In July of that year he raised a company for the First Michigan Cavalry and on the 21st of August following was mustered into the United States service as captain. His regiment was attached to the Fifth Artillery Corps, commanded by Major General Banks, and participated in all the battles and many of the skirmishes in the Shenandoah Valley, Loudoun county, Culpeper and Bull Run. Captain Park led the advance of the First United States troops into Leesburg, Virginia, driving the command of the rebel general, Hill, from the town and capturing several prisoners. On the 23d of March, 1862, at the battle of Winchester, Virginia, he received a severe gunshot wound in the left shoulder, fracturing the bone and disabling him from active duty about ninety days. On the 20th of August, 1862, he was promoted to major and transferred to the Fourth Cavalry. After participating in the pursuit of General John Morgan and his command over the mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee, on the 9th of November he was appointed inspector general of cavalry on the staff of General D. S. Stanley, chief of cavalry department of the Cumberland, which position he filled with credit and ability until the 22d of February, 1863, when he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and took command of his regiment. During the spring and summer following, with his regiment, he was engaged in many brilliant cavalry fights with the enemy. In April he made several expeditions from Murfreesboro, fighting with different rebel commands at Auburn, Liberty and Snow Hill, capturing prisoners at Franklin, Beardsville and Hickory Creek. At Harrison he burned the depot, a large quantity of stores and train of cars, capturing a portion of General Morgan's staff. Before daylight on the 22d of May, at the head of his regiment, he charged into the camp of the First Alabama, Eighth Confederate and Second Georgia Cavalry and after a severe engagement succeeded in routing them, taking fifty-five prisoners, all their horses, and destroying their camp equipment, stores, etc. The colors of the First Alabama were also taken and presented to the state of Michigan. As an instance of the confidence mani-

festes by General Stanley toward Colonel Park and his regiment, one day while retiring from the enemy, they kept harrassing his rear guard, composed of a newly mounted regiment, and after marching but a few miles wounded and captured several. This raised the ire of the General greatly, and he ordered Colonel Park to take his regiment back and whip h—l out of them, which order the Colonel executed to his entire satisfaction. In April, 1864, the cavalry being armed with the Spencer repeating carbine (a new arm just in use), Colonel Park saw the necessity of uniformity in drill and wrote a manual of arms for its use which was ordered printed and adopted throughout the army. During the Sherman campaign to Atlanta he was engaged in many bloody conflicts with the enemy. At Farmers Bridge, Rome, Kingston, Woodland, Dallas and a score of other hard contested fields the track of his regiment may be traced by the bleaching bones of its gallant soldiers. No regiment in the service did more hard work and hard fighting than did the noble Fourth Michigan Cavalry, and no soldier or officer did his duty with more zeal and fidelity to his trust than Colonel Park. In July, his health continuing to fail from the effects of his wound and exposure, he was ordered to Tennessee in command of the dismounted men of the division, numbering now more than half the command. In October following, while in command at Franklin, Tennessee, the rebel general, Wheeler, with his command, numbering between four thousand and five thousand strong, surrounded the town. Colonel Park had but two hundred men and sixty-two old condemned muskets with which to defend the town, but calling his little command into Fort Granger, he boldly hoisted the stars and stripes and proceeded to practice a Yankee trick upon the rebel commander by placing five Sibley stoves into the embrasures of the fort to represent artillery. The deception was so perfect that General Wheeler, after a close examination with his field glass, told a citizen of the neighborhood that he counted six large guns and dare not risk a charge, at the same time threatening to punish the citizen for deceiving him in telling him there was no artillery in the fort. Colonel Park was beloved by the men of his command and his officers had the utmost confidence in his ability and integrity. On the 26th of December, 1864, his resignation

was accepted by order of Major General Thomas for disability from wounds received in battle. Lieutenant Colonel Josiah B. Park was married in Erin, New York, in January, 1850, to Ellen Mary Jones, who was born in Auburn, New York, May 1, 1832. On the 6th of August, 1866, he moved with his family from Michigan to Omaha, Nebraska, where he resided until his work as United States state deputy surveyor took him to North Platte in 1867. It was Colonel Park who introduced alfalfa in the state of Nebraska. He passed away June 17, 1873, in North Platte, Nebraska, and was there buried, being survived for more than a decade by his wife, whose death occurred June 30, 1884, in North Platte, where her remains were also interred.

William Lee Park, son of Josiah B. and Ellen Mary (Jones) Park and father of P. Jay Park, was born in Ovid, Clinton county, Michigan, August 6, 1859, and supplemented his public school education by two years' attendance at a business college. He obtained employment as a messenger with the Union Pacific Railroad on the 3d of April, 1875, soon qualified for the position of brakeman and continued to advance until at length he became general manager of the entire system. During the thirty-five years of his service with the road notable changes occurred, including the extension of its lines and the development of new country, due to the coming of the railroad. He saw the Indians pushed back by civilization and the last great herds of buffaloes vanish from the plains. Among the members of his lodge was the noted Indian scout, "Buffalo Bill," with whom he was well acquainted. To him was also accorded the privilege of knowing President Roosevelt, and Senator Warren, of Wyoming, was numbered among his intimate friends. He has known all the great railroad builders of his time and his history of the Union Pacific Railroad is authentic and has been widely read. When he severed his relations with that corporation Mr. Park was general superintendent of the system, resigning the position March 18, 1910, to become first vice president of the Illinois Central Railroad. It was then in financial difficulties, due to the dishonesty and incompetence of some of its executives, and through the untiring efforts of Mr. Park the business was rehabilitated and the road has continued to prosper. He was gen-

erally regarded as one of the foremost railroad officials in this country and during the days following the World war was a member of the United States railroad labor board, assuming his duties in that connection May 1, 1920, and serving until May 1, 1921. In 1923 he resigned as first vice president of the Michigan Central lines and has since given his attention to the supervision of his beautiful estate of twelve hundred acres at Clare, Michigan. He has a fine herd of Jersey cattle and is also engaged in the raising of sheep, more as a hobby than as a commercial enterprise. The value of his property is enhanced by two large lakes, which are stocked with game fish of various kinds. His home, a large structure of stone, is provided with a lighting plant, a water system and other modern conveniences. It stands in the midst of beautiful grounds and the estate is a sportsman's paradise, affording the best facilities for fishing, hunting and camp life. Here Mr. Park has an ideal environment for the exercise of his talent as an artist and with his brush he has skillfully depicted scenes of interest in his life. He also has a collection of pictures which he has taken with his camera and spends much of his time in the open, sojourning in Florida during the winter months. Through reading, study and observation he has constantly added to his store of useful knowledge and his articles have been published in leading newspapers and magazines. Enjoying travel, he has circumnavigated the globe and has the gift of graphic description. By judicious management and honest methods he has accumulated wealth, his holdings being chiefly in stocks, bonds and real estate.

On the 24th of December, 1881, at North Platte, Nebraska, Mr. Park was married to Miss Laura Frances Dill, a native of Springfield, Illinois, born March 24, 1861, and a daughter of Albert M. and Julia A. (Hoover) Dill, who were early settlers in Greene county, this state. A railroad employe throughout his business career, Mr. Dill was one of the first mechanics in the Roodhouse shops of the Union Pacific, and later became a locomotive engineer on the run out of North Platte. His daughter, Mrs. Park, obtained her common school education in her native city and attended the North Platte high school. In former years she participated in amateur theatricals, excelling in comedy

roles. She and her husband enjoy beautiful music and are patrons of the opera. In the work of the Baptist Church she has long been active and Mr. Park has membership in the Episcopal Church. Politically he is a staunch republican and has been active in party campaigns but has never sought public office. He belongs to the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, is a Knight Templar Mason and a Shriner, and his wife is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Park are the parents of five children. The eldest, Edward A., born in North Platte, Nebraska, January 22, 1883, is connected with the Peoria & Pekin Union Railroad Company in the capacity of superintendent of motive power and lives in Peoria. Eva Viola, born in Denver, Colorado, July 17, 1886, is the wife of Guy Congdon, of Albany, New York, manager of the refrigeration department of the New York Central Railroad. Myra I., born in North Platte, Nebraska, March 17, 1891, was married to George D. French, now representing the Southern Coal Company at New Orleans in the capacity of manager. P. Jay, whose natal day was June 19, 1893, is the immediate subject of this review. William Lee, Jr., born in North Platte, Nebraska, July 16, 1899, is assistant manager of the Southern Coal Company of New Orleans, Louisiana, and a World war veteran who was with the Inter-Allied Railways, serving from 1917 until August, 1919, when he was discharged as sergeant of his company.

P. Jay Park acquired his grammar school education in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and was a high school pupil at Omaha, Nebraska. In 1913 he was graduated from the Culver Military Academy of Indiana and afterward spent a brief period in the Harvard School for Boys. In the fall of 1914 he enrolled in the School of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry of the University of Illinois, which he attended for three years, and in 1917 became a student at the University of Chicago, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree from that institution in the same year. While at Culver he played on the football team and when pursuing his studies in Chicago he joined the Chi Phi fraternity. In September, 1917, he was appointed by Senator Warren, of Wyoming, to the officers training school at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where he remained until February, 1918, when he was commissioned a second lieu-

tenant and detailed for duty with the Sixth Regiment of United States Cavalry at San Antonio, Texas. Later he was transferred to the Seventh Cavalry at Fort Bliss, Texas, General Custer's old cavalry number, and in the summer of 1918 was assigned to the Fifty-fourth Regiment of Pioneer Infantry. With that outfit he sailed from Newport News, Virginia, on the transport Caserta, landing at Brest, France, September 22, 1918. Soon after his departure from the United States he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant but his commission did not reach him until five months later. On September 26, four days after landing, he arrived in the Champagne sector of Argonne and remained on active duty on the western front until the signing of the armistice. While with the Army of Occupation, he was stationed at Arlon, Belgium, and at Wittlich, Coblenz and Neuen-dorf, Germany. With his contingent he left Brest in the summer of 1919, landing at Boston on the 29th of June, and at the North-eastern depot in that city was mustered out of the service.

Upon resuming the life of a civilian Mr. Park became a traveling car inspector for the Great Western Railway but resigned the position about six months later and on the 1st of February, 1920, ventured in business for himself as the owner of an Over-land automobile agency in Chicago. Disposing of the enterprise in the fall of the same year, he came to Rushville, October 21, 1920, and in association with his father took over the local Ford agency. It was operated on a partnership basis until 1924, when it was incorporated as the Rushville Motor Company by William L. Park, P. J. Park, C. A. Dill, Laura F. Park and Mary Yost Dill. P. J. Park was elected president and remains the executive head of the business, which has steadily expanded under his wise guidance and progressive methods. The company distributes Ford cars and Ford trucks in this district and also handles Mobiloil, Quaker State oil and Mobilgas.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Jay Park are Presbyterians in religious belief and closely follow the teachings of the church. They are active in politics and in civic affairs. Mr. Park is a member of the park board and the greens committee and is serving for the second term as an alderman of Rushville. His wife is chair-man of the Woman's Republican League of Schuyler county,

local chaplain of the P. E. O. and a member of the Woman's Federated Club. Mr. Park is a past commander of Rushville Post of the American Legion and chairman of the Republican Ex-Service Men's League of Schuyler county. He is a past secretary of the 22 Club and also belongs to the Rushville Community Club and the Scripps Golf Club. An expert player, he greatly enjoys a round on the links and at one time was a golf champion. Fraternally he is a York Rite Mason, identified with the lodge, chapter and commandery at Rushville, and is an exemplary representative of the order. Like his father, he has traveled extensively, visiting every state in the Union and also touring through Canada, Mexico, South America and European countries. However, he has no desire to change his place of abode and owns an attractive home in Rushville. In many ways Mr. Park has given tangible proof of his loyalty and public spirit and is a young man of forceful personality, endowed with all the qualities of a useful and desirable citizen.

Mr. Park was married August 23, 1925, to Miss Anna Maude Knowles, a daughter of Walter W. and Marie (Anderson) Knowles. Her paternal grandfather, Joseph Knowles, was born in Leicester, England, October 26, 1828. He came to America with his father's family, including the father, mother and seven children, four boys and three girls. The family left England from Liverpool, in a sailing vessel, and were six weeks crossing the ocean. They had expected to land at New York but owing to adverse winds they were landed at New Orleans, Louisiana. This necessitated their taking a river boat and coming up the Mississippi and Illinois rivers to Frederick, Illinois, and from there they came across country to Rushville, Schuyler county, arriving here in the early summer of 1846. Here they built their home. At that time Rushville was expected to become a great metropolis and people emigrated here from England, Scotland and Wales and many from the southern and eastern states. Soon Rushville became inhabited with the best class of people found in the state. Joseph Knowles was a youth of seventeen years when the family arrived in Rushville, and after a few years, wishing to have a business of his own, he with his brother John established a carriage and wagon factory which grew and de-

veloped into a large industry. For many years they supplied Schuyler and surrounding counties with most of the carriages, buggies, wagons, sleighs and plows. The firm of J. & J. Knowles was favorably known far and near. Business at that time was carried on in rather a primitive way. The material they used was all shipped to Frederick and transported to Rushville by wagon. When the bills were to be paid, a member of the firm traveled many miles, carrying the money with him and making the payments in person.

On the 13th of September, 1855, at Rushville, Illinois, Joseph Knowles was married to Eliza Susan Yoe, who was born in Port Republic, Maryland, February 17, 1833. Her father, William Walter Yoe, was a slave owner and planter who came with his family to Rushville in the spring of 1848, traveling mostly by boat, canal and stage coach. The death of Joseph Knowles occurred February 10, 1892, and he was buried in the Rushville cemetery. His family numbered four sons and three daughters. The fifth child, Walter William Knowles, was educated in the Rushville public schools, after which he conducted a grocery store for a few years and since has been in the hardware business. In November, 1890, he married Marie Anderson, who passed away February 24, 1920, leaving three children, one son and two daughters, all of whom received their education in the Rushville public schools and at Oberlin College of Oberlin, Ohio. The son, Joseph Arthur Knowles, was born in Rushville, August 23, 1892, and after his graduation at Oberlin College in June, 1913, he accepted a position with the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, with which he has remained continuously since, except for two years during the World war. He was in service in this country from October, 1917, until July, 1918, when he was sent overseas, remaining in France in the Gas Defense Chemical Warfare Service until the last of July, 1919. He returned to the United States on the S. S. Missouri, landing at Newport News, Virginia, July 26th, and was mustered out early in August. He at once resumed his work with the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company and was later transferred to Buffalo, New York, where he still resides. Esther Marie Knowles was born July 2, 1902, and after completing her public school music course

at Oberlin College in June, 1924, she began teaching public school music, in which profession she is still engaged, being supervisor of music in Atlanta, Illinois. Anna Maude Knowles was born in Rushville, November 2, 1895, and after completing her course in public school music at Oberlin College she taught this subject in various schools. She spent several years as music supervisor in the Rushville public schools. As above stated, she married P. Jay Park on the 23d of August, 1925, and they are the parents of a son, Peter Jay Park, Jr., born September 28, 1929.

AMOS ALEXANDER CROOKS, M. D.

Dr. A. A. Crooks, one of the outstanding members of the medical profession in Peoria, is rendering a service of great value as director of public health and hygiene of the Peoria public schools. He was born at Clinton, Kentucky, on the 25th of January, 1878, and is a son of Rev. James D. and Mary Elizabeth (Bugg) Crooks. His father was born in Paducah, Kentucky, and died in Peoria, Illinois, after many years of fruitful service in south central Illinois as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He gave his political support to the democratic party. He was a son of Robert and Mary (Breckenridge) Crooks. The former was a native of Virginia, devoted the active years of his life to agricultural pursuits, was a veteran of the Mexican war, a democrat in politics, a Presbyterian in religious faith, and died in Clinton, Kentucky. His wife was a lifelong resident of Kentucky, her death occurring at the Crooks homestead in Paducah. Mary Elizabeth (Bugg) Crooks was born in Clinton, Kentucky, and died in southern Illinois. She was a daughter of Isaac and Virginia (Polk) Bugg, both of whom were natives of Virginia and died at the homestead which they had established at Clinton, Kentucky. Mr. Bugg was a large land owner and held many slaves.

Amos A. Crooks graduated from high school at Waverly, Illinois, after which he spent two years in Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, Tennessee. He then matriculated in the Marion Sims College of Medicine, from which he was graduated with the

M. D. degree in 1898. During the following two years he served as assistant to Dr. A. C. Bernays, noted surgeon of St. Louis, and later engaged in the general practice of his profession at Morton, Tazewell county, Illinois, where he remained three years. He again joined Dr. Bernays, at St. Louis, as first assistant surgeon, for two years, and then engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery in that city, where he remained nine years, during the last five of which he was assistant professor of ear, nose and throat diseases and clinical instructor in ear, nose and throat, in charge of St. John's Hospital. In 1916 he came to Peoria and specialized in the treatment of diseases of the ear, nose and throat until 1923, when he became interested in public health activities, being associated with the department of public health of Illinois for one year as district health superintendent, then severing his connection with that department to accept his present position as director of public health and hygiene of the Peoria public schools, which office he has filled from 1923 to the present time, with marked ability and to the satisfaction of the people of the community. Dr. Crooks did post-graduate work in the medical school at Columbia University and has kept in close touch with the latest advances in his profession.

On April 9, 1901, in Peoria, Dr. Crooks was united in marriage to Miss Salome Mathis, who was born and reared in Morton, Illinois, and is a daughter of Jacob and Katherine (Wick) Mathis, both of whom were natives of Strasburg, Alsace-Lorraine, France. Her father, who was a contractor and builder and a grain dealer, died at Morton in 1900 and his wife died at Peoria in 1927. Mrs. Crooks, who graduated from the Morton high school, is an active member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and the Peoria Women's Club.

Politically Dr. Crooks is a republican, and he attends at the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of Illinois Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; also of the Creve Coeur Club and the Association of Commerce and was one of the charter members of the University Club of Peoria. He is affiliated with the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and was one of the found-

ers of the American Association of School Physicians, covering the United States, Canada and Cuba, and has been a member of its executive committee since its organization. He is also secretary and chairman of the public health and hygiene section of the Illinois State Medical Society. When in need of recreation he goes to his farms, and he is fond of fishing and other outdoor sports. During the late war he was a member of the National Guard, serving as major surgeon of his regiment. He also took an active part in and made many addresses in support of the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. He has never been lacking in his earnest support of everything which is calculated to promote the general welfare of his community and is regarded as one of Peoria's able and successful physicians and progressive and public-spirited citizens, well worthy of the high place which he holds in his community.

FREDRICK W. NEUMAN

For six years Fredrick W. Neuman has satisfactorily discharged the duties of postmaster of Grand Ridge and previous to that time had won prominence in mercantile affairs. He was born in Ottawa, Illinois, January 18, 1878, a son of Fredrick C. and Augusta (Knoll) Neuman, who were natives of Germany. When a young man the father sought the opportunities of the United States and became a resident of Illinois, settling in La Salle county, where he engaged in farming until his demise in 1927. The mother came to this country as a young girl and is now living in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Neuman were the parents of nine children, of whom two died in infancy.

Fredrick W. Neuman, the fourth in order of birth, pursued his studies in the Prairie Center school and early became familiar with farm work, which claimed his attention for a number of years. He then opened a store in Grand Ridge and soon won patronage because of his enterprise, reliability and good management. His trade grew steadily as the years passed, and he continued to engage in merchandising until 1924, when he sold the business, having been selected as postmaster of Grand Ridge by

President Coolidge. Mr. Neuman was reappointed in 1928 and has made an excellent record, performing his duties with the thoroughness and conscientiousness which have characterized his work throughout life.

On the 7th of January, 1893, Mr. Neuman was married to Grace Lee North, of Ottawa, Illinois, and they have three daughters: Edith, now the wife of Ray Antram, of Streator, Illinois; Violet, who is Mrs. Leslie Robb, of Streator; and Mildred, at home.

Deeply interested in religious affairs, Mr. Neuman is serving on the board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church and as Sunday school superintendent. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in politics has ever been a stalwart republican, active in behalf of the party. By nature he is genial, sincere and kind-hearted, and his personal popularity is attested by a wide circle of staunch friends.

ROSCOE BLAIR BASSLER

Roscoe B. Bassler, who is rendering capable and effective service as general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Canton, has proved the right man for the position and has gained a high place in public esteem. He was born at Navarre, Dickinson county, Kansas, on the 28th of December, 1893, a son of John Henry and Fannie (Kauffman) Bassler. The name Bassler is of Dutch origin and the progenitor of the present family in America probably came from Holland during early colonial days. There are several entries in the name of Bassler on the early tax rolls of Pennsylvania and records show that several members of the family served in the Revolutionary war. However, because of lost records and names, it is impossible to connect up the complete lineal descent of the family. John Henry Bassler was born in Pennsylvania, September 30, 1861, and is now a retired farmer of Ellis, Kansas. He became a teacher in the public schools of Pennsylvania, later spent some time in mechanical trades, and in 1886 moved to Kansas, where he took up farming. During his entire life he has been an active member of the Breth-

ren Church, devoting much time to church affairs and the betterment of the community. He has taken an interested part in the political life of his county, serving the republican party both as a worker and as a township official. He has been a reader throughout his life and this is still his hobby, so that he has acquired an extensive knowledge of scientific and practical things. He will leave his honesty and record of uprightness as a heritage to his children.

On August 12, 1886, Mr. Bassler married Miss Fannie Kauffman, who was born in Pennsylvania, November 20, 1864. She too is active in the Brethren Church and is a kind and sympathetic worker among the sick and needy. Her chief life interest has been her home and family, for whom she has made many sacrifices. To Mr. and Mrs. Bassler were born five children, namely: Roscoe Blair; Nellie, the wife of Robert E. Homler, of Ellis, Kansas; J. R., of Hydro, Oklahoma; D. F., of Edmond, Oklahoma; and J. O., of Hydro, Oklahoma.

Roscoe Blair Bassler received his early education in the township schools near Navarre, Kansas, and graduated from the Trego county (Kan.) high school in 1911. During his high school days he took an active part in school athletics, being a member of the basket-ball and football teams. He is a graduate of the State Teachers College at Hays, Kansas, from which institution he received a life certificate. Mr. Bassler taught in the schools of Ellis, Kansas, until 1916, when he became assistant to the general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at that place. Leaving there in 1923, he became general secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Leavenworth, Kansas, where he served until 1925, when he was transferred to York, Nebraska, remaining until 1929, when he came to his present position in Canton. As general secretary of the Association in Canton, he has done much effective work for its promotion of and its usefulness to the community. He came here with the true spirit of a worker and, under his able supervision, there has been a steady growth both in membership and interest in the Association program.

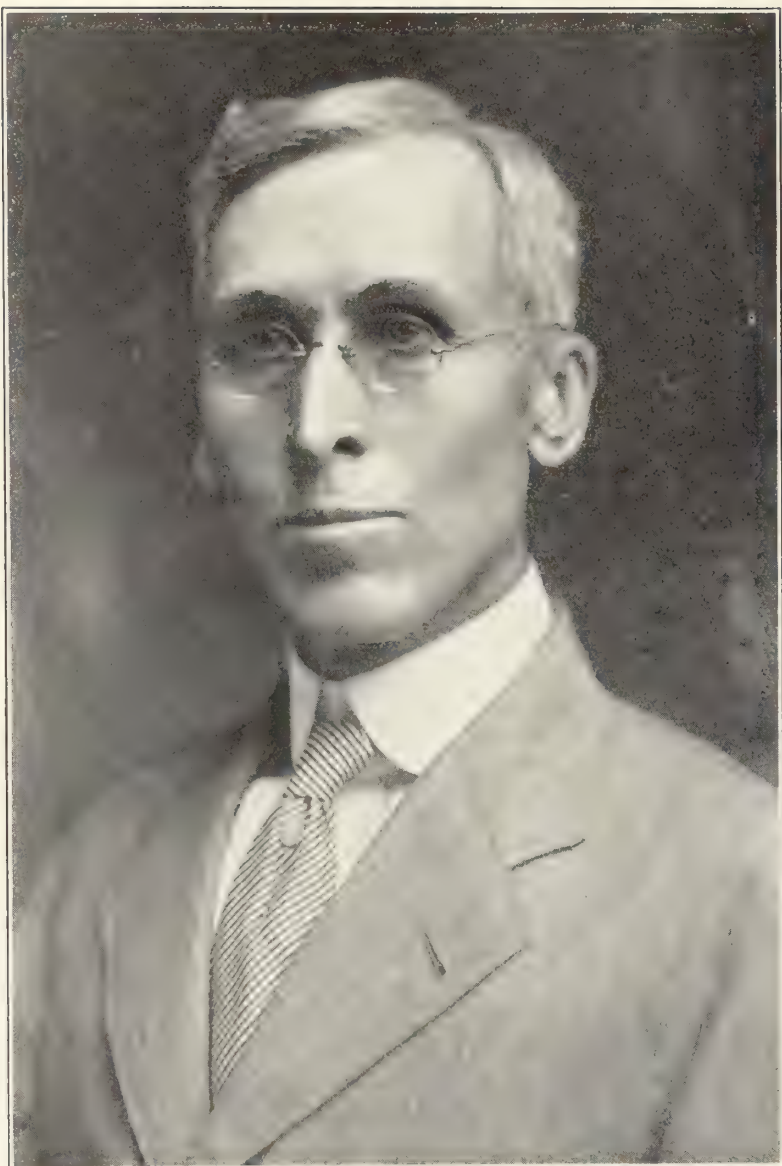
On March 24, 1917, Mr. Bassler was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Belle Glass, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Sauer)

Glass, of Ellis, Kansas. Mrs. Bassler, who was born November 7, 1896, attended the public schools of Ellis, graduating from high school in 1913. She is a member of the Congregational Church and its societies and is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star. The social affairs of the town are of interest to her and, like her husband, she is an active civic worker. Her favorite diversions are motoring and reading. Mr. and Mrs. Bassler are the parents of two children, Kerwin Blair, born April 3, 1921, and Nadine Esther, May 27, 1918.

In national elections Mr. Bassler gives his support to the republican party, but in the selection of local officials he supports the men whom he regards as best qualified for the offices they seek, regardless of party lines. He is a member of the Congregational Church and manifests a keen interest in the welfare not only of his own church, but of all the religious organizations of Canton as well. Not only does the Young Men's Christian Association benefit by his enthusiasm, but he enters into the community and civic interests of the town with the same spirit. He is a member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce and has been active in the councils of the Young Men's Christian Association as a member of the National Officers Association and the National Secretaries Association. He retains his old love for athletics and devotes a reasonable share of his leisure time to playing golf. A lover of literature, he enjoys good fiction and is a student of educational books and magazines. Since coming to Canton he has won a warm place in the hearts of the people, who recognize in him a man of high ideals, substantial character and efficiency as a worker in his exacting field of labor.

WILLIAM W. DEWEY

Among the prominent and successful business men of Peoria over a long period of years was the late William W. Dewey, who was the active head of the grain dealing firm of William W. Dewey & Sons. Sound business judgment and sterling integrity marked his career and none commanded to a greater degree than he the respect and esteem of the people of Peoria. He was de-



WILLIAM W. DEWEY



HOMER H. DEWEY

scended from one of America's oldest families, the Dewey family having come from England to the New World in the second or third ship after the Mayflower. The direct ancestors of William W. Dewey lived in Berlin, Vermont, in a very early day, and Israel and Alonzo Dewey left papers and documents dated from 1807 to 1830. Israel Dewey was a member of the Vermont legislature, was prominent in public affairs, and stood high in the Masonic fraternity. A Masonic apron of his and papers of the period between 1807 and 1830 are now in the possession of Homer H. Dewey, and he also has legal papers signed by the first governor of Vermont, which have been handed down through the family. This branch of the family is related to Admiral Dewey, and Harry H. Dewey, a brother of William W. Dewey, wrote a letter of congratulation to the Admiral after the battle of Manila bay. At the age of nineteen years he had the privilege of listening to an address by General Lafayette.

William W. Dewey was born in Lunenburg, Vermont, on the 14th of July, 1851, and in young manhood came to Illinois with his parents. He received his education in the public schools and at an early age began his identification with the grain business as an employe of Mahoney & Williams, at Sheffield, Illinois, with which concern he remained for some time. He then removed to Mineral, this state, where, in 1877, he became a grain merchant under the firm name of W. W. Dewey & Company, also handling lumber. He continued that business until 1890, when he disposed of his interests there and went to Mexico, where for one year he represented a western syndicate as manager and superintendent of a silver mine. On his return to Illinois he again located in Sheffield, where he entered into a partnership with a brother and established a general store, which they operated from 1891 until 1901, under the name of Dewey Brothers. From 1901 to 1909 Mr. Dewey had a grain business at Henry, Illinois, under the name of W. W. Dewey & Company. In 1908 Dewey & Company opened an office in the Board of Trade Building, Peoria, which was started and operated by Mr. Dewey's son, Homer H. A year later W. W. Dewey came to Peoria and the name of the firm was changed to W. W. Dewey & Sons. For many years Mr. Dewey was a director of the Peoria Board of Trade. While a resident of

Henry, Illinois, Dewey & Company owned and operated grain elevators at Henry, Sparland, Camp Grove and Chillicothe, and all of these elevators excepting the one at Chillicothe, are still operated by W. W. Dewey & Sons. Mr. Dewey maintained close and active connection with the business up to the time of his death, which occurred on July 13, 1927. While he resided in Sheffield he took a deep interest in local political affairs and served as a member of the town board. He later served as postmaster and supervisor and did a banking business at Mineral, which had no bank at that time. Mr. Dewey's two brothers, Benjamin F. and John C., were soldiers in the Union Army during the latter part of the Civil war, having enlisted in 1863 from Sheffield, Illinois. After the war they returned to their respective homes, John C. becoming interested in the grain business and Benjamin F. becoming a partner of William W.

William W. Dewey was united in marriage to Miss May Williams, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Benjamin F. and Margaret (Palmer) Williams. To their union were born four children, namely: Margaret, the wife of Robert Curtis, an architect in San Diego, California, and they have two children, Dorothy, the wife of Richard Norton, of Shreveport, Louisiana, and Margaret Lila, who is attending high school in San Diego; Charles B., a resident of Henry, Illinois, and a member of the firm of William W. Dewey & Sons, married Elizabeth Wycoff, whose father served as a lieutenant in the Union Army during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey have two children, William W., who is a student in Knox College, and Robert V., at home; William Hovey, who died in 1920, at the age of thirty years, served as a captain for about eighteen months in France and after being honorably discharged he returned to Peoria becoming a member of the firm of W. W. Dewey & Sons. His death was the result of an automobile accident.

Homer H. Dewey, the second son of William W. Dewey, was born at Mineral, Illinois, on January 2, 1885. He received his early education in the public schools of Sheffield and Henry, after which he entered the University of Illinois, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1906. He then spent two years in Chicago, with McGregor, Chase & Company,

public accountants. In 1908 he entered his father's firm and is still actively connected with it. On December 7, 1912, he was married to Miss Orrel Howard, a native of Sheffield, Illinois, and a daughter of Henry D. and Alice (Lawton) Howard. Her father died in 1910 and her mother now resides in Sheffield. To Mr. and Mrs. Dewey were born two children, Alice May, born on November 18, 1915, and Homer Howard, born on April 25, 1919. Mr. Dewey is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Beta Theta Pi fraternity of the University of Illinois, the Creve Coeur Club, the Peoria Country Club and University Club. They attend the Universalist Church of this city. He was president of the Peoria Board of Trade in 1918 and has been a director since 1915. He is vice president of the Burlington Elevator Company, which was organized many years ago, but was reorganized in 1928. He is president of the Chamber of Commerce Association which is the corporation owning the Board of Trade building. He is a wide-awake and public-spirited citizen, has fully maintained the long established prestige of the family name and is very highly esteemed throughout his community.

JOSEPH A. WEIL

For nearly forty years Joseph A. Weil has been numbered among the able and successful members of the Peoria bar and during this period has earned a splendid record as a conscientious and dependable attorney. He was born in Peoria, May 30, 1870, and is a son of Isaac A. and Babette (Herold) Weil. His father was born in Germany, May 3, 1832, and died in Peoria, July 1, 1901. He was for many years successfully engaged in the rectifying business and was active in local public affairs. He was a member of the Masonic order, maintained an independent attitude in politics, and he shared the religious views of Robert G. Ingersoll, of whom he was a personal friend. His wife was born in Germany, January 29, 1836, and died in Peoria, December 21, 1884.

Joseph A. Weil attended the public schools of his home city,

graduating from high school in 1886, and then studied law in the office of Isaac C. Edwards of Peoria. Admitted to the bar of Illinois in 1891, he then entered upon the practice of his profession in this city, in which he has continued to the present time. For a while he was in partnership with his preceptor, Isaac C. Edwards, under the firm name of Edwards & Weil, and then practiced alone until 1911, since which time he has been the senior member of the law firm of Weil, Bartley & Weil, his partners being Joseph F. Bartley and his son, Albert J. Weil. The firm is engaged in the general practice of law, and Mr. Weil has served as counsel on one side or the other of most of the important cases in the courts of this county, and has been on the winning side in about ninety-five per cent of his cases.

On June 22, 1889, in Peoria, Mr. Weil was united in marriage to Miss Maude Schwabacher, a native of this city and a daughter of the late Henry Schwabacher, one of the pioneer distillers of Peoria. Mrs. Weil was educated in the Lady of the Sacred Heart convent. Mr. and Mrs. Weil are the parents of a son and a daughter. Albert J., junior member of the law firm of Weil, Bartley & Weil, and also first assistant prosecuting attorney, married Miss Cozette Baird, a daughter of the Rev. George Baird, a minister of the Christian Church at Roseville, Illinois, and they have three children, Joseph A., II, Albert J., Jr., and David. Miss Josephine Weil, who lives at home, is a graduate of Kemper Hall, at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Mr. Weil is a member of Schiller Lodge, No. 335, A. F. & A. M.; the Scottish Rite bodies and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to Peoria Lodge, No. 250, K. P.; Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E., and the Modern Woodmen of America. His name is on the membership rolls of the Peoria Association of Commerce, the North Shore Country Club, the Creve Coeur Club and the Illinois Valley Club. He is a democrat in his political affiliation, is interested in public affairs and has served for a number of years as a member of the state central committee of his party. During the World war he was an active member of the state council of defense and gave effective support to the various Liberty Loan drives. He is fond of hunting and fishing, particularly in Canada, northern Minnesota and Wisconsin, and owns

a wild duck and geese preserve. He is a member of the Peoria Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is attorney for a number of corporations and is a stockholder in a number of banks. A man of strong character and sterling qualities, he has been found dependable in his citizenship and commands the unreserved confidence of his fellowmen.

EVERETT J. WENDELL

The excellent condition in which the highways of Peoria are maintained has been a matter of frequent comment and concurrent praise has been paid to Everett J. Wendell, county superintendent of highways for his capable work. Mr. Wendell was born at Hartsburg, Logan county, Illinois, on the 3d of June, 1896, and is a son of Dr. Canada and Lizzie G. (Morris) Wendell, both of whom are residents of Peoria. Dr. Wendell was born near New Holland, Illinois, and Mrs. Wendell is a native of Columbus Grove, Illinois. He graduated from Lincoln College and the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery at Kirksville, Missouri, and for the past thirty years has been successfully engaged in the practice of osteopathy in Peoria. He is a republican in politics and at one time served as mayor of Hartsburg. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Everett J. Wendell graduated from the Peoria high school in 1915 and in June, 1917, enlisted for service in the World war. He was in training at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri; Fort Riley, Kansas; Camp Logan, Texas; and Camp McClellan, Alabama. He was sent to Camp Merritt, Long Island, from which point he embarked for France, July 18, 1918. He served with the Seventy-ninth Field Artillery, Seventh Division, and was overseas for twelve months, in various camps in France. He was honorably discharged at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, in July, 1919, after which he entered the Missouri School of Mines, from which he was graduated in 1922, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. His first employment as an engineer was with the Freeborn Engineering Company at Tulsa, Oklahoma, for six months,

after which he was employed as engineer by the Comar Oil Company, near Ponca City, Oklahoma. Returning to Peoria, his home city, he became connected with the state highway department, working under Theo. Plack as a construction engineer for six years. He then engaged in the general engineering business for himself in Peoria, but four months later was employed as county superintendent of highways of Peoria county, which position he is still filling in a very satisfactory manner.

On June 7, 1925, in Galesburg, Illinois, Mr. Wendell was united in marriage to Miss Lena M. Lovell, who was born in Macomb, this state, and is a daughter of Fred Lovell, who is engaged in the jewelry business in Macomb. Mrs. Wendell is a graduate of the Macomb high school and the normal school, and her religious faith is that of the Universalist Church. Mr. Wendell is a member of the Theta Tau, a professional mining fraternity, the Kappa Alpha, southern fraternity, and the Quo Vadis, a national social society. He is a republican in his political views and attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. A man of high professional ideals, he has been loyal to duty in every relation and his professional and private life have gained for him the unreserved esteem of those who know him.

PAUL D. SWENEY

Paul D. Sweney, president of the Sweney Gasoline and Oil Company, is one of Peoria's enterprising and progressive business men and the success which is crowning his efforts is the legitimate fruitage of his sound methods. Mr. Sweney was born in Osage, Iowa, on November 20, 1887, and is a son of James I. and Sophia (Tucker) Sweney. The family is of Irish origin and the paternal great-grandparents, Charles and Margaret Sweney, were lifelong residents of the Emerald isle, the former dying at the age of twenty-seven years. The grandfather, Hugh Sweney, was born in Donegal, Ireland, December 25, 1809, and died in Osage, Iowa, May 3, 1884, after a successful career as a farmer. He married Miss Esther A. Phillis, who was born in Warren county, Pennsylvania, August 10, 1817, and died in Osage, Iowa, April 5, 1895. Their son, James I. Sweney, who was born in Warren county,

Pennsylvania, May 7, 1850, successfully engaged in the banking business in Osage. He supported the republican party in politics, and was an active member of the Baptist Church, of which he was treasurer for thirty-five years. He died in Osage, Iowa, April 13, 1923. Sophia (Tucker) Sweney was born in Marshfield, Massachusetts, January 28, 1851, and died September 27, 1912, at Osage, Iowa. She was a daughter of Rev. Cyrus and Sophia (Green) Tucker, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts. Her father was a minister of the Baptist Church and held important pastorates in Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Paul D. Sweney attended the grade schools of Osage, Iowa, and there graduated from Cedar Valley College in 1905. He then entered the employ of the Great Northern Railroad in St. Paul, Minnesota, for one year, working in the general offices, after which he was transferred to Butte, Montana, where he remained for seven years. During that period he became connected with the Hennessey Mercantile Company as paymaster and cashier, and later served as cashier of the Mitchell County Savings Bank, at Osage, Iowa, until May, 1924, when he resigned and came to Peoria. He here became connected with the Sweney Gasoline and Oil Company, acting as treasurer until July 1, 1927, when he became president of the company, which position he still holds. His company sells throughout central Illinois and has twenty bulk plants and over fifty service stations, while the general offices of the company are in the Commercial Bank building, Peoria.

On December 14, 1906, in St. Paul, Minnesota, Mr. Sweney was united in marriage to Miss Olyne Harris, who was born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary Harris, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Sweney is a graduate of Cedar Valley College, at Osage, Iowa, and is a member of the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, at Peoria. She also belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star, the Peoria Players and the King's Daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Sweney are the parents of four children: James Harris, born September 30, 1907; Jack Charles, born November 11, 1913; Margaret Jane, October 9, 1916, and Marion Gale, February 3, 1920.

Mr. Sweney is a member of Osage (Iowa) Lodge, No. 102, A. F. & A. M.; Osage Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M.; Peoria Con-

sistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to the Peoria Association of Commerce, the Exchange Club, the Creve Coeur Club, the Peoria Country Club, the University Club and the Illinois Valley Yacht Club. He is a staunch republican in his political views and is a loyal member of the Baptist Church. He gives his attention closely to his business interests, in the management of which he has shown good judgment, and he commands the genuine regard of all who have been in any way associated with him.

J. W. GEIGER, M. D.

Dr. J. W. Geiger is widely known as an able and successful representative of the medical profession at La Salle, where he has been actively engaged in practice during the past twelve years, maintaining well appointed offices in the La Salle State Bank building. We print his autobiography in full.

"I was born on a farm in the southeastern part of Jasper county, Illinois, near the Wabash, on December 29, 1889. This part of the state is known as the northern border of Little Egypt. The country is somewhat rolling and was then covered with timber, although most of the timber at the present time has been cleared for cultivation. In the days when my maternal grandfather settled in this part of the state, which was back in the '40s, the entire country was in wilderness. There were no roads, no fences, and the live stock was branded and allowed to run wild. The reason for the branding of the animals was to distinguish them from the stock of the other pioneers, who probably lived four or five miles away on a few acres of cleared land.

"In 1884, at the age of eighteen years, my father came to this country from Bavaria, Germany. He left Germany to escape military duty, which was compulsory at that time. After roaming around the United States he settled on a farm in Jasper county, Illinois. A year later he was married to my mother, Mary Kraus, who was born in Jasper county, Illinois. In the early days of their married life they endured many hardships, as the country was all a wilderness and had to be cleared from its tim-

ber so that it could be cultivated. Some of the timber was used for railroad ties, some for fuel, and some was sawed into lumber. The nearest railway was about fifteen miles distant and the roads were only paths through the woods, impassable during certain seasons of the year.

"There were twelve children. Three died in infancy, and one sister died at the age of seven years. Eight of the children are still living, two boys and six girls. Being the oldest boy, I had to begin work on the farm at an early age. In my fourth year I was sent to country school. The school term extended over a period of six months, usually from October to March. The school building was not of the modern type that one sees today, but was small, poorly constructed, and as cold as charity in winter. The directors hired a lady teacher, who seldom had more than an eighth grade education. She usually had about fifty pupils and all of the different grades to manage. This gave her very little time for individual attention to any particular pupil or grade. At the age of twelve I did not get to school until after corn-husking time; this was usually after Christmas. In this way I would get about three months of schooling in a year, and by the next year everything that I had learned in those three months would be forgotten. I was always eager to learn and would devote the evening after work in studying with my sisters and brother who were attending school. My mother was always willing to help me in my home work. Not being inclined toward the agricultural status in life, I wondered as to the future that was in store for me. The last three or four years that I attended country school, the course called for one or two periods of elementary physiology per week. This particular subject created great interest in me, and I devoted the greater part of my time to it. After studying physiology for several years in the country school, I was under the impression that I knew something about medicine; I enjoyed dissecting fowl and other animals. If any of the animals were injured I would try to treat them; or if any of them were cut, I could suture the wound.

"At the age of seventeen I persuaded my parents to let me go to college and prepare for the study of medicine. Then came the question: 'Where shall we send him?' As there was no high

school in the community, and furthermore as my parents were not anxious to have me attend a public high school, they finally decided to send me to a Catholic boarding school. The institution they chose was Jasper College of Jasper, Indiana, which at that time gave a commercial and academic course combined. The school was not accredited by the state. However, this did not matter to me, as I was under the impression that a college was a college and that the rating was all the same. I spent two years at Jasper, graduating in the summer of 1910. During my senior year I told the rector that I intended to study medicine and he advised me to go to Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois. Bennett Medical College had affiliated with Loyola University the year previous to my entering in 1910.

"I shall never forget my experiences in the medical school. The first year was an uphill pull, as I did not realize what it was all about; and at the close of the first year I knew that my preliminary education was not up to the requirements, so I matriculated at St. Ignatius College and took a summer course of eight weeks, studying English, chemistry, history and German. At the end of the course a vacation seemed welcome to me. After a four weeks' rest I was ready for my sophomore year. The surprising thing to me was that I had passed all the subjects in the freshman year with the exception of chemistry. I had a condition in that subject which required another examination. This examination was taken in my sophomore year and a passing grade obtained. The sophomore, junior, and senior years were not difficult, and I graduated in June, 1914. All those students who obtained a general average of eighty-five per cent or over were allowed to take the state board examination before graduation. I was fortunate enough to be granted the privilege of taking the examination in May and received my license in July. After my graduation I decided to do at least one or two years of internship in a hospital, and so I entered St. Joseph's Hospital at Joliet, Illinois, where I spent one year as an interne. After leaving Joliet I decided to spend more time in a hospital, so I was advised by some of the good sisters to come to St. Mary's at La Salle, Illinois. At this hospital I did interne work for almost a year, and during this time I made scores of friends. At the end of the

year I became associated with one of the leading physicians at that time, namely, Dr. H. M. Orr, and while with him had the opportunity to pursue post-graduate work in medicine at Johns Hopkins University in the summer of 1916. The following year I went to Harvard University at Boston and continued further in the study of medicine; this was during the World war. While in Boston I took the examination for the Medical Reserve Corps and was commissioned first lieutenant in December, 1917. I was ordered into active duty in February, 1918, and sent to Fort Riley, Kansas. At the end of three months of intensive military training I was directed to go to Pittsburgh to the university for six weeks. Then I was ordered back to Fort Riley and stationed in the base hospital until the armistice was signed. I received an honorable discharge on December 9, 1918, with the commission of captain.

"I then entered into private practice in La Salle, Illinois, and have been fairly successful in the practice of medicine and surgery. Every year I have attended some good clinic to keep abreast in the science of medicine. I also had a burning desire to do some college work and get a 'Bachelor' degree, so during the past two years I have spent all my spare time in home-study work and certainly have accomplished a great deal toward my goal."

GEORGE W. CASE

Among Peoria's leading merchants and public-spirited citizens is numbered George W. Case, a member of the Sutliff & Case Company, wholesale and retail pharmacists. He was born at Alta, Peoria county, Illinois, on the 29th of November, 1876, and is a son of Ensley J. and Georgia (Edgett) Case. His father was born in Medina township, Peoria county, August 20, 1848, and died in this city, April 11, 1924. In 1875, when twenty-seven years of age, he left the home farm and moved to Alta, where he successfully conducted a general mercantile business until 1887, when he sold out and came to Peoria, forming a partnership with Warren Sutliff, under the name of the Sutliff & Case Company, wholesale and retail druggists. The enterprise proved a big suc-

cess and Mr. Case was actively identified with it up to the time of his death. He was a democrat in politics and served as an alderman and as a member of the board of supervisors. He attended the First Congregational Church. His wife was born in New York state in 1850 and died at Alta, Illinois, in December, 1884. The paternal grandparents were Imri W. and Salina Case, who came to Illinois in 1839 from Oswego, New York, and settled on a farm in Medina township, Peoria county. There he followed agricultural pursuits during his remaining active years and he and his wife died at Alta.

George W. Case was given the advantage of a good education, graduating from the Peoria high school in 1895 and from the pharmacy department of Northwestern University, with the degree of Graduate in Pharmacy, in 1898. He at once returned to Peoria and became connected with the Sutliff & Case Company. In 1904 he became a member of the firm and in 1927 was made president, in which capacity he is still serving. The company's wholesale and retail store is located at 312-14 South Adams street, and five other retail stores are at 102-04 South Adams street, 2131 South Adams street, 407 Main street, 501 Main street and 101 West Washington street. Mr. Case is vice president of the Hilltop Mining Company and a director of the Electrox Company, both of Peoria.

In 1905, in Peoria, Mr. Case was united in marriage to Miss Irma Borries, who was born and reared in this city, a daughter of the late Frank W. Borries, of Peoria. Mrs. Case died in this city, July 14, 1915, leaving a son, Jay B. Case, who was born June 25, 1906, graduated from the Peoria high school, attended the University of Illinois, and is now studying pharmacy in the University of Michigan.

Mr. Case is a stanch supporter of the republican party and attends the First Congregational Church. He is a member of Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to the Peoria Country Club, the Creve Coeur Club and the Peoria Association of Commerce. During the late war he was exceedingly active and influential in promoting the Liberty Loan sales in this

locality and he has been a loyal and enterprising citizen, giving his support to those things which make for the well being of society, while in a business way he is a prominent figure in the commercial circles of his city.

EDWARD M. SMITH

An enterprise of considerable importance among the varied industries of Peoria is the machine shop at 409 South Washington street owned and operated by Edward M. Smith, who has been in the business at the present location for thirty-four years. He was born in Lapeer county, Michigan, October 16, 1870, and is a son of Norman A. and Linda (Davis) Smith. His grandfather, Shubel Smith, was a native of Vermont and died in Almont, Michigan. He engaged in the lumber business and in farming, and later in general merchandising at Almont, Michigan. Norman A. Smith was born in Michigan in 1847 and died at Ann Arbor, that state, December 20, 1927, after a long and successful life as a farmer. He was a veteran of the Civil war, gave his political support to the republican party, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Linda Davis Smith was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1849, and died in Michigan in 1881. She was a daughter of B. I. and Margaret (Smith) Davis, both of whom were born in New Jersey and died in Dryden, Michigan. Mr. Davis was engaged in the merchant tailoring business.

Edward M. Smith attended the public schools of Dryden and Almont, Michigan, after which he worked for his uncle on a farm in Michigan until sixteen years of age. He then learned the blacksmith trade, at which he worked for two and a half years at Dryden, and next became an apprentice machinist at Lansing, Michigan, with P. F. Olds & Son, with whom he remained for three years. For a time he was with the Kady & Company machine shop in Lansing, after which he was employed in the Jarvis Engine Works in Lansing. In 1896 Mr. Smith came to Peoria and established a machine shop at his present location, the original building being thirteen by fifty feet in size. This business prospered and in the course of time he gradually increased his

available space until he now occupies a building ninety by one hundred and seventy-one feet. He gives steady employment to fifty workmen, most of whom are experts in their line, and does a general machine shop business. The uniformly high quality of his work has been the secret of his success and he is regarded as a capable and reliable business man.

On May 12, 1906, in Chicago, Illinois, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Ella Frank, who was born in Nashville, Michigan, and is a daughter of the late Philip Frank, who was a farmer at Nashville. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of two sons, Carroll D., who is a graduate of the Peoria high school and the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, is associated with his father in the machine shop business, and married Miss Mary Endley, of Peoria; Guerdon F. is a senior in the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Smith votes with the republican party and he and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Creve Coeur Club, the North Shore Country Club, the Rotary Club, the Peoria Association of Commerce, the Illinois Valley Yacht and Canoe Club and the Peoria Manufacturers Association. A man of earnest purpose and high ideals in business and private life, he well merits the substantial success which has crowned his efforts.

CHARLES CRANE MILES

One of the best known business concerns in Peoria is that of P. B. & C. C. Miles, grain brokers, which has been engaged in that business for fifty-five years, being the oldest grain firm in the United States with the original personnel still actively participating in the management of the business. The vice president of this firm is Charles C. Miles, one of the original partners, a man of sound judgment, sterling integrity and dependable citizenship. Mr. Miles is the scion of an old American family, the progenitor of which in this country was John Miles, a native of Wales, whose name appears as early as 1637 in Concord, Massachusetts. He was well educated, was a blacksmith by trade,



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and was successful as a farmer, becoming the owner of four hundred and eighty-nine acres of land. Among his descendants was Benjamin Miles, Jr., who was born in Rutland, Massachusetts, and died in Ohio, of which state he was a pioneer farmer. He was an officer in the Revolutionary war and took part in the battles of Lexington and Concord Bridge. He married Hannah Buckminster and they became the parents of Joseph Buckminster Miles, who was born in 1781 in Rutland, Massachusetts, and died in Washington, Illinois, in 1860. He was a pioneer of Illinois and developed a good farm. He married Elizabeth Buckingham, who was born in Ohio, in which state she died. Among their children was Benjamin Eustis Miles, who was born in Athens, Ohio, in October, 1818, and died at Washington, Illinois, in June, 1878. He was a miller and grain merchant in a business way, was a Presbyterian in his religious faith, and, politically, was first a whig, and then a republican. He married Jane Martin Crane, who was born at Putnam (now Zanesville), Ohio, and they became the parents of Charles Crane Miles, of this review.

Charles C. Miles received his educational training in the public schools of Washington, Illinois, after which he studied telegraphy. He was first employed as telegraph operator and station agent, and later as a train dispatcher, by the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad until 1873, when he accepted a position as clerk in a grain office, in which he became familiar with the brokerage business. In 1875 he and his brother, Philo B. Miles, formed a partnership and engaged in the grain business, as a private concern for thirty-five years. In 1910 the business was incorporated under the present name of P. B. & C. C. Miles, which has continued to the present time. The officers of the corporation are as follows: Philo B. Miles, president; Charles C. Miles, vice president; J. C. Miles, treasurer; William S. Miles, secretary, and G. M. Miles, assistant secretary. The company's offices are located on the third floor of the Board of Trade building, at 330 South Washington street, and the company's business is still one of the most important on the Board of Trade.

On September 25, 1879, in Peoria, Mr. Miles was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Minor, who was born in Woodford

county, Illinois, on May 6, 1857, and died in Peoria on October 1, 1928. She was a daughter of John and Martha (Neel) Minor, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Miles graduated from the Peoria public schools and was a teacher for several years prior to her marriage. She was a devout member of the First Congregational Church. Mr. and Mrs. Miles became the parents of three children, namely. Col. Grant M., who is associated with his father in the grain business; Louise Minor, the wife of Lieut.-Col. Jeremiah McQuade, of this city; and Jane Crane, deceased.

Mr. Miles is a staunch republican in his political alignment and for fifty years has been an active member of the First Congregational Church, in which he has served as deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school for twenty-nine successive years. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has received the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is also a Knight Templar. He belongs to the Creve Coeur Club, the Peoria Country Club, the University Club, the Board of Trade, of which he is a past president (1889), and the Peoria Association of Commerce. Mr. Miles is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. During all the years of his residence in Peoria he has given his efforts and influence for the advancement of the city along commercial, civic and cultural lines, and has been an important factor in the development of the community to its present proud place among the prosperous inland cities of Illinois.

JOHN M. ELLIOTT

John M. Elliott, who has been engaged in the practice of law in Peoria for thirty years, is a member of one of the strongest law firms of this section of the valley, that of Miller, Elliott & Westervelt, and has been very successful in his affairs. He was born at Claysville, Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the 5th of May, 1877, and is a son of Dr. John M. and Nancy Elizabeth (Steele) Elliott. His father, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1829, died in Peoria, February 1, 1917. He was engaged in the practice of medicine at Claysville,

Pennsylvania, Woodford county, Illinois, and at Normal, this state. During the Civil war he served nearly three years as a member of the Fifteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. He was a republican in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, May 17, 1842, and died at Normal, Illinois, January 15, 1900. Her father, Thomas Steele, was a farmer at Claysville, Pennsylvania.

John M. Elliott graduated from the Eureka (Illinois) high school in 1895 and then entered the law department of Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, in 1899. He was admitted to the bar June 17, 1899, and entered upon the practice of his profession in Bloomington, where for one year he was associated with the law firm of Barry & Morrissey. Coming then to Peoria, he was with the firm of Stevens & Horton until August 1, 1909, when the firm of Stevens, Miller & Elliott was organized he becoming the junior partner. Mr. Stevens passed away in 1912 and in 1921 O. P. Westervelt, who had been associated with the firm since 1910, was taken into the firm, the title of which was changed to Miller, Elliott & Westervelt. The firm is engaged in the general practice of law and serves as attorney for a number of banks. Mr. Elliott is general counsel for the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad and is local attorney for a number of railroads in Peoria and adjoining counties. He is vice president of the Farmers' Savings, Loan and Homestead Association of Peoria and a director of the Walter G. Causey Company, of Peoria.

On June 27, 1901, in Eureka, Illinois, Mr. Elliott was united in marriage to Miss Zelda DeMotte, a daughter of Thomas H. and Rebecca DeMotte, both of whom are deceased. Mr. DeMotte was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business in Eureka. Mrs. Elliott is a graduate of the Eureka high school, and is a member of the Peoria Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth Jeanne, who was born October 25, 1912, and is now a junior at Kendall Hall, Pride's Crossing, Massachusetts.

Mr. Elliott is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R. and Mohammed Temple,

A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to the Association of Commerce, the Optimist Club, the Country Club of Peoria, the Mt. Hawley Country Club, the Creve Coeur Club, all of Peoria, and the Midland Club, of Chicago. He and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. During the late war Mr. Elliott was chairman of the speakers' committee in charge of Liberty Loan drives. He has shown an active and effective interest in all movements calculated to promote the interests of his city and is numbered among its public-spirited and dependable men. His favorite forms of diversion are golf and motoring.

LOUIS A. HARDIN

Louis A. Hardin, who holds the position of master mechanic with the Chicago & North Western Railroad at South Pekin, and has had many years of practical experience in this line, was born in Winslow, Missouri, on July 15, 1880, and is a son of Francis M. and Paridine (Culp) Hardin, the former descended from Pennsylvania Dutch stock and the latter from English ancestry. The father who was born at Albany, Missouri, died when his son Louis was but six years of age. In young manhood he had served as a soldier in the Civil war, at the close of which he returned to his home and studied for the ministry. He was ordained a minister of the Christian Church and was located for many years at Albany, Missouri. The mother, who was a native of Albany, died in 1923. They were the parents of two children, Louis A. and Herschel, who was born April 3, 1883, and followed the trade of a machinist to the time of his death in 1925. His widow now resides in Denver, Colorado, and is the mother of two children, Maud Z., who is married, and Herschel.

Louis A. Hardin entered the public schools of Stanberry, Missouri, to which place his mother had moved after the death of her husband. He graduated from the Stanberry high school and attended the normal college at that place, until the college building was destroyed by fire, when he began learning the machinist trade in the shops of the Wabash Railroad at Stanberry. Later he worked in various cities and with various railroads until 1906,

when he went to Sioux City, Iowa, and became a machine shop foreman with the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad. In 1910 he went to the Chicago & North Western Railroad at Eagle Grove, Iowa, as general foreman, remaining there until 1912, when he was transferred to Boone, Iowa, where he served in the same capacity. In 1915 he was sent to South Pekin, Illinois, as master mechanic, which position he still holds.

Mr. Hardin was married, November 21, 1906, at Sioux City, Iowa, to Miss Maud Burpee, whose death occurred July 19, 1926. For his second wife Mr. Hardin chose Mrs. Mabel A. Smith, whom he married at Pekin, Illinois, April 19, 1928. Her former husband, John C. Smith, who died in May, 1926, was for many years engaged in the insurance business in Pekin. Mr. Hardin is the possessor of a newspaper printed in George Washington's time and containing an account of the death of the Father of His Country. This paper was discovered in the back of a mirror of an antique dresser. Mrs. Hardin is a collector of antiques and furniture and prizes very highly the several pieces which she owns. Mr. Hardin is a member of Bower Lodge, No. 464, A. F. & A. M., at Eagle Grove, Iowa; Pekin Chapter, No. 25, R. A. M., at Pekin, Illinois; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Peoria; and the Pekin Country Club.

HOMER WHALEN

Homer Whalen, one of Canton's foremost business men, enjoys the distinction of being at the head of the oldest general contracting business in this city. He is also the present mayor of Canton and has long been one of his community's most prominent and influential citizens. Born in Schuyler county, Illinois, on the 9th of July, 1870, he is a son of William A. and Elizabeth (Sherell) Whalen. His father, who was born in 1832, was a cooper and farmer until 1877, when he moved to Canton, where he followed teaming. He held the office of road overseer for years, was a democrat in politics, was greatly interested in community affairs and was progressive in his ideas and methods.

He was accidentally killed in 1919 by a falling limb and is buried in Schuyler county. He was married twice, first to Elizabeth Sherell, who died in 1877, and subsequently to Mattie Edmondson, who also is deceased and is buried at Canton.

Homer Whalen attended the grade schools at Canton, but later in life, by continuous home study became a well informed man. After leaving school he worked with his father for a while and when fifteen years of age he started to learn the carpenter trade with J. C. Beam, with whom he remained twelve years. Later he worked for Moran & Stanley, becoming their foreman, and when twenty-five years old engaged in the contracting business on his own account as a partner of Andrew Sandberg. At the end of ten years the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Whalen conducted the business alone for a time. He then took in his son Harry A. as a partner, but the latter subsequently left and engaged in the glass business on his own account. Mr. Whalen is now alone in the business in which he has met with well merited success. He gives steady employment to from twenty to thirty men and has constructed many of the best business blocks and a number of the leading residences of this section of the county. He also does considerable mine construction work in which he is regarded as an expert.

On September 6, 1893, Mr. Whalen was united in marriage to Miss Cora M. Tullis, who was born at Fairview, Illinois, February 22, 1874, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Tullis, of that place. Her father, who was a farmer, was a member of one of Fulton county's pioneer families. Mrs. Whalen votes independently but is greatly interested in both political and civic affairs. She is a member of the Daughters of Pocahontas and the Royal Neighbors and is very popular among her associates. Mr. and Mrs. Whalen are the parents of three children. Theresa B., born October 18, 1894, is the wife of James Perrein and lives in Portland, Oregon; Harry A., born February 6, 1896, lives in Canton, Illinois, and Edward A., born July 6, 1898, lives in Hammond, Indiana.

Mr. Whalen is an independent in politics, but in 1917 was elected mayor of Canton on the socialist ticket. He was a candidate for reelection, but was defeated through a fusion of the

republicans and democrats. In 1927 he was again elected to the mayoralty, and was reelected, being the present incumbent of that position. He served two terms, 1913 to 1917, as a member of the board of supervisors. He has always been greatly interested in politics and keeps in close touch with the local, state and national affairs. He is a member of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is a very active and effective civic worker. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was a charter member of the local aerie, served a term as state president and was a delegate to the national convention of 1930. He is fond of hunting and fishing and is a member of the Liverpool (Ill.) Hunting and Fishing Club. He loves to travel and has visited many parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico. An efficient public official, a capable and successful business man and a loyal and dependable citizen and neighbor, he commands to a marked degree the confidence and respect of his fellowmen.

FREDERICK WRIGHT HEDENSCHOUG, D. D. S.

Dr. Frederick W. Hedenschoug, one of the leading dentists of Princeton, Bureau county, who has built up a large and remunerative practice through his close attention to business and his technical skill, was born in this city on the 23d of October, 1901, a son of Fred R. and Beva (Wright) Hedenschoug. He comes from an old American family on his mother's side, the Wrights having come from England and settled in Pennsylvania in Colonial days. Members of the family served in the Revolutionary, Mexican and Civil wars. His paternal grandfather was born in Germany and on coming to the United States settled in Chicago. Fred R. Hedenschoug was born in Chicago and in young manhood came to Princeton, where he engaged in the grocery business. He continued therein until his health failed, when he sold out and became a traveling salesman for a wholesale hardware company, which line of work he was following at the time of his death, which occurred May 15, 1923. His wife is a native of Princeton and still resides here. To them were born two chil-

dren, Frederick W., and a younger brother, Arthur, who is engaged in the practice of law in Chicago.

Frederick W. Hedenschoug attended the public schools of Princeton, graduating from high school in 1920, after which he entered the dental school of Northwestern University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1926. He immediately entered upon the practice of his profession in this city and success attended him from the start.

On November 3, 1928, Dr. Hedenschoug was united in marriage to Miss Grace Underwood, a daughter of Francis and Mary Underwood, both of whom are living, the former now a retired business man. Mrs. Hedenschoug had a brother, who died several years ago, and her sister, Golde, is the wife of Herbert Hines. Dr. and Mrs. Hedenschoug are the parents of one child, Beva Joe, born September 13, 1929. The Doctor is a member of Princeton Lodge, No. 587, A. F. & A. M., Princeton Chapter, No. 28, R. A. M., the Lions Club, and the Bureau Valley Golf Club. He belongs to the Bureau County Dental Society, the Illinois State Dental Society and the American Dental Association. He is a loyal and public-spirited citizen and is regarded as one of the representative professional men of the community. He has a well equipped office at 544 South Main street and all who have patronized him attest his professional skill, his courtesy and his sterling qualities.

OSCAR P. WESTERVELT

Oscar P. Westervelt, junior member of the well known law firm of Miller, Elliott & Westervelt, has built up a large and important practice as the result of his learning, ability and integrity. A son of Oscar S. and Sarah (Veach) Westervelt, he was born at Fairbury, Illinois, on the 10th of April, 1887. His father was born in Columbus, Ohio, and died in Peoria, Illinois, September 1, 1899, at the age of sixty years. For many years he had been in business as a retail grocer. He was a republican in politics, served as a member of the board of aldermen and was president of the school board for some years. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife was born near Fair-

bury, Illinois, March 25, 1850, and now resides in Chicago, Illinois. She is a daughter of Decatur and Matilda (Smith) Veach, who were natives of Pennsylvania and died in Fairbury, Illinois. The father, who was a farmer, was a strong abolitionist and his home was one of the stations on the historic "Underground railroad."

O. P. Westervelt graduated from the Fairbury high school in 1906, after which he attended Lake Forest College, at Lake Forest, Illinois, for two years, 1906 to 1908. He graduated from the law school of Illinois Wesleyan University with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, in 1910, and in July of that year was admitted to the bar of Illinois. Locating in Peoria, he became associated with the law firm of Stevens, Miller & Elliott, of which he became a member in 1918, when the name was changed to its present form, Miller, Elliott & Westervelt, Mr. Stevens having died in 1912. Mr. Westervelt has been connected as counsel with many important cases in the courts of this part of the state and has been uniformly successful in practice. He is a director of the Citizens Building and Loan Association, a director of the Citizens Ice and Cold Storage Company, a director of the Peoria Finance & Thrift Bank and a director of the Wilson Provision Company.

On June 14, 1914, in Bloomington, Illinois, Mr. Westervelt was united in marriage to Miss Myra E. Jarrett, who was born near Bloomington and is a daughter of Mrs. Martha (Skaags) Jarrett-Stephenson, of Peoria. Mrs. Westervelt graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1911, and is a member of the Peoria College Club, the Peoria Pan-Hellenic Club and the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Mr. and Mrs. Westervelt are the parents of a daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, born March 25, 1924.

Mr. Westervelt is a republican in his political alignment and he and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is serving as a member of the official board and chairman of the finance committee. Fraternally he is connected with Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and was honored with the thirty-third degree,

which was conferred on him at Buffalo, New York, September 21, 1926. He is vice president and a director of the Association of Commerce, and belongs to the Rotary Club, the Creve Coeur Club, the University Club, the Mount Hawley Country Club, the Peoria Country Club, the Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Phi fraternities of Illinois Wesleyan University, and the Phi Pi Epsilon fraternity of Lake Forest College. He is a past president of the Young Men's Christian Association and chairman of its finance committee. Professionally he is affiliated with the Peoria County Bar Association, of which he is a past president, and the Illinois State Bar Association, of which he was vice president in 1926-27. He also is a trustee of the Peoria Tuberculosis Sanitarium Commission. He has had a busy career, has been true and loyal in all the relations of life and he has won and retains the genuine respect of his fellowmen.

IRA W. WOLFNER

Ira W. Wolfner, vice president and secretary of the National Cooperage and Woodenware Company, and one of Peoria's progressive, and alert and successful business men, was born in this city on the 6th of May, 1888, a son of William F. and Sophia (Woolner) Wolfner, and a grandson of Isaac Wolfner, who was a native of Germany and died in Peoria, Illinois. William Wolfner was born in Chicago, Illinois, March 10, 1862, and died in New York city, September 31, 1921. He was president and one of the organizers of the National Cooperage and Woodenware Company of Peoria, and prior to 1898 was in the distilling business. He was a republican in politics and was a member of the Reformed Jewish Church. Sophia (Woolner) Wolfner was born in Vienna, Austria, July 4, 1865, and now resides in Peoria.

Ira W. Wolfner attended the public schools, graduating, from the Peoria high school in 1905, and then entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he was graduated with the degree of Mechanical Engineer in 1909. He at once became associated with the National Cooperage and Woodenware Company as assistant treasurer, and is now first vice president and

secretary. The company is engaged in the manufacture of tight cooerage of all descriptions and sells its products mostly through the central west.

Mr. Wolfner was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Zagor, who was born and reared in Chicago, and is a daughter of Jacob Zagor, now a resident of New York city. Mrs. Wolfner is a member of the Neighborhood House Association and is actively identified with various benevolent and charitable organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Wolfner are the parents of three children, Jane Irene, William F. and Gertrude V. Mr. Wolfner gives his political support to the republican party and he and his wife are members of the Anshai Emeth Jewish Church of Peoria. He is a director of the Neighborhood House Association, of which his father was one of the organizers, and is chairman of the public safety committee of the Peoria Association of Commerce. He belongs to Illinois Lodge No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. .S.; the Ivy Club; the North Shore Country Club; the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; and the Illinois Society of Engineers. Prior to the World war he was a member of the Illinois Reserve Militia, with the rank of sergeant, and during the war he took an active part in the Liberty Loan drives. Boating, swimming and horseback riding are his favorite sports, and socially he and his wife are very popular in the circles to which they belong.

ROBERT ZEMPEL

Robert Zempel, who after many years of active and successful business efforts, is retired and is devoting his attention to looking after his private interests, is one of Lewistown's most highly regarded citizens. In the truest sense of the term, he is a self-made man, for he began life at the bottom of the ladder, which he steadily climbed through his own efforts, and eventually was rewarded with the fruits of his labors in the way of financial success. Born in Prussia, Germany, May 5, 1855, he is a son of Frederick and Augustine (Timm) Zempel, both natives of Germany, where the mother died in 1866. In the following year

Frederick Zempel brought his family to the United States. Locating at Berlin, Wisconsin, he engaged in farming, and his death occurred at the home of his son Robert in Lewistown, in 1911.

Robert Zempel was twelve years of age when he came to this country with his father. For a year thereafter he lived with a sister in Illinois and worked on her farm. He then went to Chicago, where he remained until 1876, working at various jobs, principally clerking in grocery stores and assisting in restaurants. He worked the first year for his room and board and the second year he received twenty dollars a month and board. He had received but meager education in his native land and was imbued with an ambition to secure an education, so he went to night school for two years. By this time he was making twenty dollars a month, and he spent sixteen dollars of this every month for school tuition. In 1876 he went to Iroquois county, Illinois, where his brother-in-law had a store, in which he clerked until the fall of that year. When twenty-one years old, he went to Woodland, Illinois, and, with a partner, engaged in the hardware, grain and lumber business, to which he devoted his attention for nineteen years. Selling out in 1895, he went to Chicago and embarked in the manufacturing of gasoline engines, but decided that he was not suited to the business, and after two years sold out. In 1897 he came to Lewistown, Illinois, and purchased a lumber and hardware business, which he conducted for many years with success. About ten years ago he retired from the active management of the business, which he turned over to his sons, since which time he has given his attention to his other important interests in the way of farm properties. He is the owner of fifteen hundred acres of well improved and productive farm lands in Fulton, McDonough and Iroquois counties.

Mr. Zempel was married in 1877 to Miss Sophia Schwer, who died in 1908, leaving five children, namely: Edward, who conducts his father's hardware business; Clara; Olga; Robert, Jr.; and Lawrence, who is managing his father's lumber business. In 1911 Mr. Zempel was married to Miss Hulda Krueger, of Michigan City, Indiana. He has one of the finest homes in Lewistown, the building of which he personally superintended. He is a member of the Lutheran Church at Canton, Illinois, has always

been a close reader and a keen observer and is well informed on a wide range of subjects. A man of wide experience in practical affairs, he has always displayed sound judgment and enterprise, and for many years has ranked among Lewistown's substantial and dependable citizens.

FRED L. WILSON

Fred L. Wilson is president of one of the oldest meat concerns in Peoria, the Wilson Provision Company, with which he has been associated for many years. A native of the city in which he now lives, he was born on the 10th of March, 1873, and is a son of John and Emily (Woodruff) Wilson. His father was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, and died in Peoria, in April, 1905, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was engaged in the cattle feeding business, and he gave his political support to the republican party. His wife, who was a native of Ohio, died in Peoria in 1908.

Fred L. Wilson attended the public schools of Peoria and took a three-year commercial course in the high school. He then became connected with the Wilson Provision Company as shipping clerk and through his loyal and efficient service won promotion through various positions until chosen president of the company, which office he still holds. This concern has been in existence many years, having been incorporated as the Peoria Packing and Provision Company in 1892, and in 1912 it was reorganized and the name changed to its present form. The company deals principally in meats, maintaining its own slaughtering and packing house, and its products are in wide demand throughout this section of the valley. As the executive head of this company Mr. Wilson has shown marked business capacity and has directed its affairs in a very capable manner.

On October 28, 1903, in Peoria, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Hazel Way Loquist, a native of this city and a daughter of Nelson E. and Mary (Way) Loquist. Her father, who was a photographer, died here, as did also his wife, who was a native of Galesburg, Illinois. She was a daughter of Levi C.

Way, who died in Galesburg, November 4, 1929. He was associated with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad for forty-five years, as a master painter and was a veteran of the Civil war. Mrs. Wilson is a graduate of the Peoria high school, and is a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, the Peoria Women's Club and the Amateur Music Club. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of a son, Walter L., who was born December 29, 1905, graduated from the Peoria high school and attended the Bradley Polytechnic Institute. Mr. Wilson is a staunch supporter of the republican party and is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., as well as the Creve Coeur Club and the North Shore Country Club. During the World war he took an active and effective part in the various drives and has always been counted upon in his support of all measures looking to the promotion of the community welfare.

JUDGE JOHN DAY, JR.

One of Calhoun county's most distinguished citizens is John Day, Jr., who has been officially connected with the county for twenty-four years, eight years as county clerk and sixteen years as judge of the county court. He is also one of the county's leading orchardists and farmers and has been very successful in all of his affairs. He was born on the 2d of November, 1872, on a farm formerly owned by his uncle, but now owned by himself, and located near Hamburg. He is a son of Bartholomew and Mary (Lynch) Day, both of whom were natives of Ireland. His father, who was born on May 20, 1829, and died on September 6, 1903, came to the United States in 1868 and located in Calhoun county, where he engaged in farming. His older brother John had come to this locality by the way of New Orleans in the '50s. He had previously made the journey across the plains to the gold fields of California in the early '50s, and had returned east by way of Cape Horn. He died on April 17, 1888, and Judge John Day was named in his honor. John Day, Sr., was drafted for service in the Union Army, but was exempted because of a crippled leg.



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He was a democrat and served on election and other boards. Mary Lynch Day was a niece of John Day's wife. Her father was a sailor and lost his life on Lake Erie. Bartholomew Day served on the school and village boards, as well as on many grand and petit juries. He devoted his attention to farming, and was a Catholic in his religious faith. To him and his wife were born five sons and two daughters, namely: John, Jr., of this review; James, who is an engineer on the Mississippi river improvement service; Mrs. Margaret Stelbrink, of Kampsville; Thomas, who is employed in shipyards in Portland, Oregon; Joseph, who is engaged in fruit raising; Bartholomew, who is a rural mail carrier out of Kampsville, and Katherine, who died in infancy.

John Day, Jr., attended the public schools and Whipple Academy, which is the academic department of Illinois College, at Jacksonville. Later he was a student in a private Normal School at Bushnell, Illinois, and also took a course in bookkeeping at that place. He received a first-grade certificate, permitting him to teach for eight years, and he served seven years of that period in the home school at Hamburg, of which he had charge. He then entered politics, and was elected clerk of Calhoun county, in which position, by successive reelections, he served for eight years, after which he was elected to the bench of the county court. As a judge he has shown himself a man of calm and dispassionate judgment, sincere and conscientious in everything he does, and has honored the position which he has filled for so many years.

In 1904 Judge Day was united in marriage to Miss Addie M. Fowler, a daughter of Rev. W. P. Fowler. She was educated in the public schools of Hardin under Professor Pulliam and Robert Wells, and taught school for twelve years at Hamburg, Indian Creek and Gilead. To this union have been born four children, namely: Mary Eleanor, who is a student at Webster College, Webster Groves, Missouri; Loretta, who is a student at St. Genevieve of the Pines, at Asheville, North Carolina; Catherine Felice, who is a student at Visitation Academy, at St. Louis, Missouri, and John W., who is attending the home schools. Judge Day is a strong supporter of the democratic party and has attended many county, district and state conventions, as well as

the national convention at Kansas City in 1900. For many years he was either chairman or secretary of the county central committee. He is president of the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Woodmen, the State Horticultural Society and the County Farm Bureau, of which he was formerly secretary. During the late war he served as chairman of the exemption board, belonged to the Four-Minute speakers and the legal advisory board. No worthy cause has appealed in vain for the Judge's support and he is numbered among Calhoun county's most progressive and public-spirited citizens.

CLARENCE C. CARY

No resident of Utica is better known or occupies a higher place in the esteem of its citizens than does Clarence C. Cary, who is a native of the town and capably fills the office of postmaster. Born December 22, 1886, he is a son of N. J. Cary and a grandson of Charles A. Cary, the latter a native of Vermont. The father of Clarence C. Cary was born in La Salle, Illinois, June 2, 1855, and now makes his home in Utica, this state. He has achieved success as a dealer in sand and gravel and also in the banking business. A Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, he has been master of several lodges and is a worthy exemplar of the order. The mother, Mandy C. (Collins) Cary, was a daughter of C. P. and Jane (Sanger) Collins, natives of Vermont. To Mr. and Mrs. Cary were born two sons: Clarence C., and Clark B. The latter married a Miss Glancy, of Utica, Illinois, and is now connected with the National Plate Glass Company.

In the acquirement of an education Clarence C. Cary attended the public schools of Utica and then matriculated in Notre Dame University, taking a five years' course in electrical engineering. Following his graduation he was a student in the Armour Institute at Chicago for a year and then returned to his home, becoming an engineer for the Utica Cement Works. His technical knowledge and skill were utilized to the advantage of that industry until 1928, when he resigned, having been appointed postmaster of Utica by President Coolidge, and is now serving under

President Hoover. For two years Mr. Cary has filled the office, closely applying himself to his duties, which are performed with characteristic thoroughness and faithfulness, and excellent results have attended his efforts.

On the 17th of December, 1919, was solemnized the marriage of Clarence C. Cary and Miss Blanche H. Highland, of Ottawa. There is an interesting military chapter in the life record of Mr. Cary, who enlisted in January, 1917, for service in the World war. He was made a sergeant of the Fifth Company of the Depot Brigade at Camp Grant, Illinois, and remained in the service for about two years, receiving his discharge February 23, 1919. In the affairs of the American Legion he takes a keen interest and was commander of his post for one year. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. In religious faith he is a Baptist and since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a staunch adherent of the republican party, for he believes that its principles contain the best elements of good government. His loyalty and public spirit are well known and his personal qualities are such as make for strong and enduring regard.

JACOB E. MATHIS

Among Peoria's capable and successful business men must be numbered Jacob E. Mathis, a director and active factor in the Jobst-Bethard Company, at 801 South Washington street. He was born at Morton, Illinois, July 8, 1885, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine (Wick) Mathis. His paternal grandparents were Jacob and Catherine (Harter) Mathis, both of whom were natives of Alsace-Lorraine, France, where the former died in 1872. He was a farmer. His widow came to the United States and her death occurred in Morton, Illinois, in 1905. They were the parents of Jacob Mathis, Jr., who was born in Strasburg, Alsace-Lorraine, in 1852, and died August 8, 1900, in Morton, Illinois. He was a contractor and builder, was an able business man and left a good estate. In politics he was a republican and a member of the German Protestant Episcopal Church. He served as a

private in the Franco-Prussian war. His wife was born in 1854, in Alsace-Lorraine, and died in Peoria, Illinois, May 2, 1928.

Jacob E. Mathis was graduated from the Morton high school in 1899 and while pursuing his studies he worked after school hours in the retail grocery store of Volpel Brothers in Morton, and, after the death of his father in 1900 came to Peoria, where he took a course in Brown's Business College. He then took a job as delivery boy in the John Kuhl grocery, remaining until Mr. Kuhl went out of business, after which he was for a time with W. G. Putnam, retail grocer and owner of a five and ten cent store. Mr. Mathis left that position to join the Jobst-Bethard Company as a demonstrator, at a salary of twelve dollars and a half a week. At that time the firm was located in the 100 block on Main street, but in 1912 moved to its present location at 801 South Washington street, at which time Mr. Mathis became a member of the firm, of which he was elected a director and is now the buyer. He is one of the four controlling stockholders and is devoting his attention closely to the interests of the business. He is also the trustee of his father's estate, which comprises seven farms in Tazewell county and other property. Mr. Mathis is a man of sound and discriminating judgment in practical affairs and is a large factor in the success of the company with which he is connected.

On May 6, 1905, in Peoria, Mr. Mathis was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Hulsebus, who was born and reared in this city and is a daughter of Peter and Catherine (Susdor) Hulsebus, the former at one time city clerk of Peoria. Both parents are deceased. Mrs. Mathis graduated from the Peoria high school, and is a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church and the Order of the Eastern Star, being a past worthy matron of I. W. Donemeyer Chapter, of Peoria, and the present Grand Martha of the grand chapter of the state. She also belongs to the Peoria Women's Club. Mr. and Mrs. Mathis have a son, Jay E., born July 16, 1913, and now a cadet in the Missouri Military Academy, at Mexico, Missouri.

Mr. Mathis is an ardent supporter of the republican party and managed the campaign for Senator Thurrow Essington when he was a candidate for the nomination for governor. Socially

he is a member of the Creve Coeur Club, the Peoria Country Club, the Elks Club and the North Shore Country Club, of which he is president. Fraternally, he is a member of Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Council, No. 11, R. & S. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; and Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R. In September, 1929, the thirty-third degree was conferred upon him—a well merited honor. He also belongs to Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; is an honorary member of Ansai Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Springfield, Illinois, and of nearly all of the Shrine temples in this state; and is a member of Grandview Chapter No. 943, O. E. S., and the Royal Order of Jesters. He also belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association, in the welfare of which he is greatly interested. During the World war Mr. Mathis was captain of Company G, Seventh Regiment, Second Battalion, of the state troops, under Governor Frank Lowden, and was honorably discharged in 1920. He was active and effective in his support of the various war drives in this community, and also organized the Minute Men for the Peoria Association of Commerce. He had under his command twelve hundred business and professional men who acted as escorts to the boys who were drafted for service, and no contingent left Peoria without being headed by a band. During the war he was drafted by the government as inspector for both the army and the navy for the state of Illinois, and served for one year without salary. Thus Mr. Mathis has in various ways filled a large place in the life of his city, doing well whatever he has undertaken and exemplifying a high type of citizenship.

DELBERT A. COVEY

Delbert A. Covey, member of the well known law firm of Covey, Campbell & Covey, at 1223 Jefferson building, Peoria, is one of the leading attorneys of the upper Illinois River Valley, commanding a large practice. A native of Illinois, he was born in Boone county, on the 22d of May, 1876, and is a son of Edwin A. and Elizabeth J. (Dimond) Covey. The paternal grandpar-

ents were Stephen and Susan (Jenner) Covey, of whom the former was born in Vermont and died in Poplar Grove, Boone county, Illinois, where he had followed farming, while his wife, who also died at that place, was a native of Jamestown, New York. Edwin A. Covey was born in Caledonia, Illinois, and died at Poplar Grove, this state, in 1917. He had followed farming throughout his active life, but had retired some time prior to his death. His widow, who was born in Canada and is still living at Poplar Grove, is a daughter of Richard and Sarah (Luxton) Dimond, both of whom were natives of England. The father followed agricultural pursuits after coming to this country and he and his wife passed away at Poplar Grove.

Delbert A. Covey graduated from high school at Belvidere, Illinois, in 1893, after which he attended the Northern Illinois Normal School one year. He then entered the Kent College of Law in Chicago, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, in 1897. In that year he was admitted to the bar of Illinois and, locating in Peoria, became a member of the law firm of Covey & Covey. In 1910 George W. Campbell was admitted to the firm, the name of which was then changed to its present style, Covey, Campbell & Covey. This firm has appeared as counsel in many of the most important cases tried in the courts of this section of the state and has been uniformly successful. Mr. Covey has devoted his attention closely to his profession and has earned a wide reputation for his learning, ability and integrity.

On June 12, 1902, in Peoria, Mr. Covey was united in marriage to Miss Ida Frances Gauss, a native of Peoria and a daughter of William P. and Louisa (Potthoff) Gauss, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Gauss was active in public affairs, having served as alderman, then city treasurer, and finally as county treasurer. He was a wholesale grocer and was very prominent and influential in the political, commercial and civic affairs of the community. He served four years in the Civil war and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mrs. Covey is a graduate of the Peoria high school and is very popular in social circles. Mr. and Mrs. Covey are the parents of two sons, David W., born August 10, 1905, and Paul Rector, born February 26,

1916. David W. Covey graduated from the University of Illinois with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1927, and is now office manager and credit man for the Peoria Terrazzo Company. On September 28, 1929, he was married to Miss Alice Virginia Keyser of Peoria.

Mr. Covey gives his political support to the republican party, and he and his wife are members of the Universalist Church. He is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Peoria Lodge No. 20, B. P. O. E., and the Creve Coeur Club. During the late war he took an active part in the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives, and was a member of the legal advisory board. He is a consistent supporter of those things which contribute to the well-being of society and the advancement of the community and holds an enviable place in public esteem.

JAMES F. McELWEE

A splendid example of a self-made man is presented in the life record of James F. McElwee, president of the Lake Erie Mining Company, of Peoria, with offices at 826 South Adams street. He was thrown on his own resources in boyhood and, through his persistent industry, good judgment and integrity, has steadily advanced to a leading place among the successful business representatives of this locality. Mr. McElwee was born in Warsaw, Illinois, April 15, 1872, and is a son of James T. and Johanna (O'Connor) McElwee, both of whom were born in Ireland and died in Peoria, Illinois, the father on April 25, 1885, at the age of forty-two years, and the mother on November 11, 1918. James T. McElwee was a blacksmith by trade and was employed in that capacity by the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad for a number of years. He was a democrat in his political views and he and his wife were devout members of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church. Their son, Charles T. McElwee, is engaged in the meat packing business in this city.

James F. McElwee attended the public schools of Peoria and then went to work as a delivery boy for a retail grocery store in

this city, which line he followed for one year. During the following eight years he was employed by various distilleries in this city, but since 1899 has been identified with the coal business in Peoria, Tazewell and Fulton counties, though at the present time his operations are confined to Peoria county. In 1899 he organized the Lake Erie Mining Company, which was incorporated in the following year, at which time he became president of the company, which position he has filled to the present time. He is also president of the Contractors and Builders' Supply Company, which was organized and incorporated in March, 1926. This company sells all kinds of building supplies, and it also owns a gravel pit in Chillicothe, this county, and does a large business in that line.

Mr. McElwee is a republican in his political views and his religious connection is with St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church. He is a member of the Creve Coeur Club, the Peoria Country Club, the Peoria Association of Commerce and the Union League Club of Chicago. He is a man of sterling qualities, agreeable manner and fine public spirit, being numbered among the substantial and dependable men of this community.

WILLIAM A. PFEIFFER

One of Peoria's outstanding insurance men is William A. Pfeiffer, former president and general manager of the Colonial Casualty Underwriters, which under his capable control was developed into a large and prosperous concern and has recently been merged with the Reliance Automobile Insurance Underwriters, of which he is assistant general manager. He was born in Herkimer, New York, March 5, 1889, a son of William A. and Sophia (Russ) Pfeiffer. The father, born in Alsace-Lorraine, February 1, 1857, was a lad of eight years when brought to the United States by his parents, who remained in New York city for two years, after which they established their home in Herkimer, New York. There William A. Pfeiffer, Sr., attended the public schools and subsequently took up the tanning trade, which he followed for five years. On the expiration of that period,

owing to impaired health, he returned to the old country and spent two years in the mountains of Switzerland. There he formed the acquaintance of Sophia Russ, who was born at Kirchheim, on the Teck river in Germany, and who later became his wife. She left Germany when a maid of sixteen summers, in company with her sister Pauline, and following her arrival in America was employed in New York city for a time. Afterward she removed to Herkimer, New York, where she was married to William A. Pfeiffer, who had returned to that place and was employed in a general store. On leaving the Empire state this worthy couple made their way to the Illinois River Valley and Mr. Pfeiffer established a general store at Washington, this state, in 1890, conducting the enterprise successfully until 1925. In that year, associated with his son and namesake, he embarked in the insurance business at Peoria under the name of the Colonial Casualty Underwriters, continuing active in this field until his death, which occurred November 14, 1929, when he was seventy-two years of age. To him and his wife, who passed away May 30, 1927, were born five children. Pauline, a resident of Morton, Illinois, is the wife of H. B. Fields, general manager for Libby, McNeill & Libby, and is the mother of two children, Martha and Marguerite. Ernest H., who is connected with the Noyes Realty Company in New York city, married Adelaide Schneider of the eastern metropolis. Elsie M., the wife of Roy Rissor of Washington, Illinois, is the mother of two children, William and Caroline. Raymond R., who prepared for the ministry in the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary of Maywood, Illinois, is pastor of the Lutheran Church at Holyoke, Colorado.

William A. Pfeiffer, Jr., the other member of the family, pursued his education in the public schools of Washington, Illinois, and following his graduation from high school, in 1907, became a student in Knox College of Galesburg. After putting aside his textbooks he entered the general store of his father in Washington and thus continued in business until January 1, 1925, when the merchandise was sold to Otto Renfer of Pekin, Illinois. He had not only managed the store but in addition had conducted the Washington Insurance Exchange from 1919 until 1925. In the latter year he sold his interest in the insurance business to

C. C. Roehm, who had previously been identified therewith, and in association with his father established the Colonial Casualty Underwriters at Peoria. They employed one hundred and eighty-five agents throughout the state of Illinois and placed the concern on a solid and substantial footing, its steady growth reflecting creditably on Mr. Pfeiffer's executive ability. The business of the Colonial Casualty Underwriters has recently been merged with the Reliance Automobile Insurance Underwriters, of which Mr. Pfeiffer is assistant general manager, having entire charge of production. This company employs six hundred and ninety-two agents in the state of Illinois.

On the 30th of March, 1920, Mr. Pfeiffer was united in marriage to Miss Elsie M. Martini, who is a graduate of the McKinley high school of Chicago and a member of the Woman's Club of Washington Illinois.

When the United States had become involved in the World war, Mr. Pfeiffer enlisted in Chicago and was sent to Pelham Bay Park, New York, where he served as instructor in navigation. He was honorably discharged February 19, 1919, with the rank of ensign. He is a charter member of the University Club of Peoria and fraternally is affiliated with the Masonic order, belonging to Peoria Commandery of Knights Templar and to the Mystic Shrine. He is also member of a national college fraternity Beta Theta Pi. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the English Lutheran Church at Washington, Illinois. He is a progressive and up-to-date business man, a public-spirited citizen and a constant friend and neighbor, and is well worthy of the high place which he holds in public esteem.

IRA J. COVEY

One of Peoria's leading law firms is that of Covey, Campbell & Covey, which for many years has commanded its full share of the legal business of this section of the valley. Ira J. Covey, one of the original members of the firm, has been engaged in practice for over thirty-five years and enjoys marked prestige as a learned and able attorney. He was born in Caledonia, Illinois,

October 26, 1872, and is a son of Edwin A. and Elizabeth J. (Dimond) Covey. The family came from New England, the paternal grandfather, Stephen Covey, having come from Vermont to this state, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Jenner, was a native of Jamestown, New York. They both passed away at Poplar Grove, Boone county, Illinois, where Mr. Covey had followed the occupation of farming. Edwin A. Covey was a native of Caledonia, Illinois, and devoted the active years of his life to farming, retiring from business some years prior to his death. He was a republican and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife, who is a native of Canada, still lives at Poplar Grove. Her parents, Richard and Sarah (Luxton) Dimond, were natives of England, were farming folk after they came to this country, and their deaths occurred at Poplar Grove.

Ira J. Covey received his preliminary education in the public schools at Poplar Grove and the high school at Belvidere, from which he was graduated in 1891. After attending Beloit College, at Beloit, Wisconsin, one year, he entered the law department of Illinois Wesleyan University, at Bloomington, where he attended one year, completing his course in law which he had begun under the preceptorship of Judge Charles E. Fuller, of Belvidere. He was admitted to the bar in October, 1893, and at once came to Peoria, where he entered into law partnership with his brother, Frank R. Covey. The firm name remained Covey & Covey until 1910, when P. E. Mann was admitted to the partnership and the firm style became Covey, Mann & Covey. One year later George W. Campbell became a member of the firm, the name of which was then changed to Covey, Campbell & Covey. For many years Mr. Covey has commanded one of the largest practices in this section of the state and is recognized as one of the leading members of the Peoria county bar. Mr. Covey is affiliated with the Peoria County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He has prospered in his individual affairs and is the owner of three farms, aggregating seventeen hundred acres, in North Dakota.

On June 27, 1894, in Belvidere, Illinois, Mr. Covey was united in marriage to Miss Alta F. Linnell, who was born in Caledonia,

Illinois, and is a daughter of Selwin and Carrie (Armstrong) Linnell, both now deceased. Mrs. Covey is a member of the Peoria Women's Club and other local organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Covey are the parents of four children, as follows: Edwin L., who is a member of the law firm of Covey, Campbell & Covey; Marion E., who is the wife of Carl E. Griesser, of Sterling, Illinois, manager of the Twin City Produce Company; Ira J., Jr., a lawyer, associated with the firm of Covey, Campbell & Covey; and Thirza E., the wife of Dr. Louis L. Tinthoff, a dentist of Peoria. Mr. Covey is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, and belongs to the Mount Hawley Country Club and the Creve Coeur Club. Politically he is an active supporter of the republican party and has been honored with election to public office. He served as an alderman from the second ward from 1907 to 1910, and in the latter year, while still a member of the council, was elected to the forty-seventh general assembly. He was for six years a member of the board of election commissioners of Peoria county and has been attorney for that board for the past two years. At one time he was a member of the board of trustees of the village of North Peoria. He and his wife are members of the Union Congregational Church, of which he was formerly a trustee and treasurer. During the late war he gave his active support to the various drives and other local war measures, and at all times he has shown a readiness to cooperate in measures for the advancement of his community.

ILLINOIS HUNTERS' AND FISHERS' ASSOCIATION

One of the important public organizations in the state of Illinois is the Hunters' and Fishers' Association, which was organized in 1929 by Truman Whitehead, Bramley Whitehead, Raymond Whitehead, Ethan Blackaly and John Rouston, all of Canton, Fulton county. The present officers of the association are as follows: Everett Dirksen, of Pekin, Illinois, president; John Rouston, of Canton, vice president; Clayton Whitehead, secretary; and Bramley Whitehead, assistant secretary. The associa-

tion now has about five thousand members, each of whom pays an annual fee of one dollar. This money is used for advertising and printing and in various ways to secure new members. The officers of the association serve without pay. The primary purpose of this organization is the protection and conservation of the wild game of the state, functioning similarly to the Izaak Walton League, with which organization it works in close conjunction. The Illinois Hunters' and Fishers' Association, however, goes a step further by advocating the reclamation of drainage districts along the streams by the state or federal government. Its policy in this matter is clearly set out in the words of a circular issued by it as follows:

"We are writing you in regard to the deep waterway of the Illinois river. We are for the deep waterway whenever it is properly constructed. The Illinois valley has a total of four hundred thousand acres of swamp land as nature made it. Today there are three hundred thousand acres under drainage district. All of the smaller streams of the state, which flow into the Illinois, empty directly into its channel. With the erosion of the soil and the wash of the silt and soil from the bluffs flowing directly into the channel of the river, it will always be impossible to keep an open channel in the stream and will make an endless task for engineers and dredging companies.

"These drainage districts, which are a liability to their owners and also the state and national government, should be condemned and returned to their natural state to become an overflow basin for the flood stage of the river, to be used as a game refuge and for fishing and hunting purposes, with the right of the people to resort thereto. The small streams that flow into the Illinois river should be blocked so as to flow into the swamp lands instead of the river channels.. These swamp lands would give the sediment and silt a chance to settle and let the clear water flow into the river, so there would be but very little filling up of the channel. It is useless, in our opinion, to try to make a deep waterway of the Illinois river as long as all small streams and rivers flow directly into the channel of the stream.

"These swamp lands that are in drainage districts at the present time are a liability to their owners and to all people of

the state. If the Illinois River Valley were returned to its natural state, flood control would be practically solved. It would also give the farmers of Illinois and other states much needed relief. It is a rank injustice for the people of the state of Illinois to be taxed to build levees along the Illinois river for private individuals. This is being done now and is a burden to the state of Illinois; whereas if the Illinois valley were returned to its natural state it would be one of the greatest assets for the people of Illinois as a natural basin to take the overflow of the river in flood stage, as a place for the preservation of animal life, as a place of public resort for hunting, fishing, navigation and all other proper purposes."

Furthermore, it is a significant fact that since the drainage districts have been established the natural spawning grounds of the fish have been destroyed, and the volume of fish hatched naturally each year has been reduced many fold. In returning the drainage districts to their original condition, the Illinois Hunters' and Fishers' Association hopes that the wild life of the state will again be protected and have an opportunity to multiply as it did before the building of the levees. It is also the Association's purpose to remove the commercial angle from hunting and fishing, so that both rich and poor may enjoy these two sports. During the present year the Association is carrying its work to all parts of the state and hopes by 1935 to have enrolled in its membership a majority of landowners and sportsmen, all working for this common cause. The members of the organization champion pure sportsmanship and discourage the ruthless and indiscriminate slaughter of wild game by unscrupulous hunters and fishers.

DAN S. ANDERSON

As special agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company in Peoria, Dan S. Anderson has achieved a distinctive position, being regarded as one of that company's leading representatives in this district. He was born in Jackson, Michigan, on the 9th of November, 1881, and is a son of Frank W. and Frank A. (Shaw) Anderson. The former was a son of John and

Mary Anderson, who lived and died in Jackson, Michigan, where Mr. Anderson was engaged in the carriage manufacturing business. He was a veteran of the Civil war. Frank W. Anderson was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, January 11, 1857, and died in Lawrence, Kansas, August 29, 1885. He was a traveling salesman, gave his support to the republican party, and was a man of sterling qualities. Mrs. Frank A. (Shaw) Anderson was born in Jackson, Michigan, September 4, 1856, and died in that city, June 16, 1928. She was a daughter of Daniel W. and Manne (Beam) Shaw. Her father, who was born in Batavia, New York, and died at Lawrence, Kansas, was a veteran of the Civil war and had served for many years as a traveling salesman in commercial lines, but had retired several years prior to his death. His wife also was a native of Jackson, Michigan, and died in Lawrence, Kansas.

Dan S. Anderson attended the public schools of Lawrence, Kansas, and after graduating from high school entered the University of Kansas, from which he was graduated with the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Mining Engineer in 1906. He spent two years in Mexico as a mining engineer, followed by nine years devoted to real estate development and subdivision work, in which he served as engineer and salesman in association with J. C. Nichols. At the end of three years, Mr. Anderson came to Peoria, as assistant sales manager for the Keystone Steel Wire Company, which position he held for three years and then resigned about ten years ago to accept his present work as special agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, with offices at 709 Commercial National Bank building.

On June 12, 1913, in Kansas City, Missouri, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Meda M. Moore, who was born and reared in that city and is a daughter of Harrie G. and Pearle (Scales) Moore, now of Peoria, Illinois. Mrs. Anderson is a graduate of the Kansas City high school and attended Wells College, New York, for three years. By her marriage she has become the mother of four children, as follows: Robert M., born August 10, 1914; Grant S., born March 28, 1918; Richard F., October 1, 1920; and Daniel Clark, April 16, 1923. Mr. Anderson is a staunch republican in his political views. He and his wife

are members of the Second Presbyterian Church, and he is a Mason with membership in Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; and Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T. He also belongs to the Beta Theta Pi fraternity; the Association of Commerce, the University Club, the Optimist Club, the Peoria Country Club and the Peoria Life Underwriters' Association. During the World war he served in the Militia Reserve. He possesses great energy and persistence, has proven a successful insurance man and so conducts his business as to make friends of those who deal with him. He is a real factor in the success of his company in this field and is respected by his associates.

ROBERT A. LAWLER

Robert A. Lawler, a well known funeral director and substantial business man of Rushville, was born in Woodstock township, Schuyler county, Illinois, December 22, 1877. The family is of Irish origin and was established in this country by his great-grandfather, James Lawler, who cast his lot with the colonial settlers of America. He was a surveyor and a polished, aristocratic gentleman. He laid out the grounds of Mount Vernon and during the Revolutionary war was private secretary to General Washington.

Alexander Lawler, a son of James Lawler, was born in Warrenton, Fauquier county, Virginia, in 1794 and in young manhood married Margaret B. White, who was born in the Old Dominion in 1798 and was of Swiss extraction. She departed this life in 1874, long surviving her husband, whose demise occurred in 1853. Their son, Washington Lawler, also a native of Fauquier county, left Virginia in 1840 and proceeded to Illinois, settling upon the farm where his son, Robert A., was afterward born. The father had previously followed the trade of a cooper but after his removal to the middle west he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits and became one of the large landholders of Schuyler county. He was a democrat but never sought political office although he was ever ready to cooperate in movements for the benefit of his district. He married Lilly Burnside, a



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native of Schuyler county and a daughter of Thomas Burnside. Mr. Lawler responded to death's summons November 5, 1897, and his widow survived until February 15, 1907. Five children were born to them: Theodore W., who lives in Rushville; Alice, who became the wife of Eugene Chamberlain and is now deceased; Thomas H., who has also passed away; Fred H., a resident of Omaha, Nebraska; and Robert A.

The last named, who is the youngest of the family, attended the district school near his home and in 1898 enrolled as a student in the Rushville Normal and Business College, from which he was graduated in 1900. For two years he taught school and also acted as overseer of the home farm. In 1901 he formed a partnership with J. W. Lickey, a mortician, later purchasing the business, which has steadily expanded until it is now the largest of the kind in Rushville. The building which he occupies is eighty feet by thirty feet in dimensions and his funeral home is modern in all of its appointments, which reflect the good taste of its owner. Mr. Lawler maintains ambulance and hearse service and carries a complete line of undertaking supplies. His son, Francis Eugene, assists him in the business, which is systematically and capably conducted.

Mr. Lawler was married August 28, 1902, to Miss Myrtle Lickey, who was born in Rushville, January 29, 1881, and was graduated from the local high school in 1898. Previous to her marriage she was engaged in educational work, teaching school at Union Grove, Illinois. An artist of ability, she has painted some beautiful pictures and also does china painting. Her father, John Wesley Lickey, was the oldest of the seven children of Wilson and Hannah (Hill) Lickey, who were natives of Ohio. He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, December 8, 1852, and was but three years old when his parents came to Illinois, settling in Brooklyn, Schuyler county. In 1861 they removed to Vermont township, Fulton county, Illinois, where Wilson Lickey followed the occupation of farming for six years. He returned to Schuyler county in 1867 and here remained until his death in 1896. As a young man John W. Lickey worked as a carpenter and also cultivated the farm. Locating in Rushville in 1888, he was here identified with the grain and elevator business until

1892, when he opened a furniture store and undertaking parlors in Industry, McDonough county, Illinois, where he spent six years. In 1898 he returned to Rushville and became part owner of the business of the Peoples Furniture Company, which was controlled by the firm of Lickey & Reese until the latter's death on the 4th of May, 1901, when the name was changed to J. W. Lickey & Company. Mr. Lickey was a practical undertaker and a capable business man of high standing. His political support is given to the republican party and in religious belief he is a Presbyterian, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was married March 30, 1878, to Mary M. Arick, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Henry Arick, who enlisted in the Union Army. Mr. Arick died while in the service and his daughter came to Illinois with her mother, who subsequently became the wife of William Loring. Mrs. Lickey was accorded the advantages of a liberal education and was a teacher for several years. She passed away December 10, 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawler have two sons. Harold Henry, the elder, was born July 10, 1904, and is a graduate of the Rushville high school. He is a drafting engineer in the employ of the Commonwealth Edison Company and makes his home in Chicago. His religious views are in harmony with the tenets of the Presbyterian Church and he is identified with the Masonic fraternity. He was married April 25, 1924, to Miss Jane Vancil and they have one child, Harold Edward. The younger son, Francis Eugene, who was born August 3, 1906, is a graduate of the Rushville high school and the Worsham School of Embalming and capably assists his father in the management of the business. He adheres to the religious faith of the family and belongs to the Scripps Golf Club, the Masonic fraternity, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. On the 28th of July, 1930, he was married to Miss Annabel Louise Mullen, who is prominent in the social life of Rushville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawler are zealous members of the Presbyterian Church and he is very active in its work, serving on the board of elders and as clerk of the sessions, while formerly he was superintendent of the Sunday school. Politically he is a stal-

wart democrat but has never sought office as a reward for party fealty although he lends the weight of his support to those movements which make for civic growth and betterment. He is one of the energetic members of the Rushville Community Club and through his connection with the Scripps Golf Club he largely finds his recreation. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, has passed through all the chairs in the local lodge of Odd Fellows and is also a member of the encampment. In fraternal work his wife has taken a prominent part as the organizer of the Patriarchs Militant in Rushville and is highest chief of the Pythian Sisters and a past noble grand of the order of Rebekahs. A forceful business man of keen discernment and sound judgment, Mr. Lawler has won a gratifying measure of success and keeps in close touch with the latest developments in his chosen field of activity through his membership in the Illinois Funeral Directors Association and the National Funeral Directors Association.

SAMUEL LEROY McKINNEY

One of the industries of Peoria which is filling a genuine need and is meeting with deserved success is the Elevator Locks Company, of which Samuel L. McKinney is president and treasurer. A native son of Illinois Mr. McKinney was born in Farmington township, Fulton county, on the 18th of February, 1872, his parents being Newman and Irene (Andrews) McKinney. The father was a son of John and Ann (Cerrant) McKinney, the former of whom was born at Newton, New Jersey, and died at that place in 1885, after a long and busy life as a farmer. His wife also was a native of New Jersey and died at Newton, that state, in 1853. Newman McKinney was born in Essex, New Jersey, January 8, 1838, and died at Farmington, this state, February 9, 1923. He had followed farming for many years, but had retired some years prior to his death. He was a republican in politics, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had served as school director. Irene (Andrews) McKinney was born near Canton, Illinois, August 3, 1842, and died in Fulton county, January 1, 1892. She was a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Shane)

Andrews, of whom the former came from Virginia to Peoria, Illinois, with his parents in 1819. In 1822 he located in Fulton county, about two miles north of Canton, and there engaged in farming. He took part in the Black Hawk war of 1832, and later served as a justice of the peace in his community. He died on his farm near Canton in 1897, after a residence there of three-quarters of a century. His wife was born in Virginia and died on the home farm near Canton. Henry Andrews' parents died in Peoria during the cholera epidemic, soon after their arrival here, their deaths occurring but a few days apart. Samuel L. McKinney is a descendant of Daniel Youngs, a native of Holland, who served the colonists as a patrolman during the war of the Revolution.

Mr. McKinney attended the country schools of Fulton county and took a commercial course in Brown's Business College at Peoria. He entered the employ of Kruse & Company, meat packers, as a salesman, and later was placed in charge of that company's meat market at Pekin, Tazewell county, which position he retained three years. He then went into business for himself, opening a meat market at Elmwood, Illinois, which he carried on for three years, and then sold. He next bought a shoe store in Pekin, which he conducted for three and a half years, when he sold and during the following fifteen years was a traveling salesman for S. L. Pierce & Company, of Cleveland, Ohio. In 1909 he started his present business, the Elevator Locks Company, manufacturing a safety lock for passenger elevators, based on an invention of his. The business started off successfully and in 1911 was incorporated, with Mr. McKinney as president and treasurer, and J. F. Kaylor, vice president and treasurer. The locks, which have time and again proven their worth, are sold throughout the country and the demand for them is steadily increasing.

On December 18, 1897, in Pekin, Illinois, Mr. McKinney was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Blizzard, a native of that place and a daughter of James Louis and Catherine Blizzard, the former now deceased, while the widowed mother still resides in Pekin. Mrs. McKinney is a graduate of the Pekin high school and taught school for one year prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. McKinney attends the

Christian Church and gives liberally to all benevolent causes. He is a republican in politics and is a member of the Creve Coeur Club, the Lions Club and the Peoria Association of Commerce. He is a good business man and a staunch and loyal citizen and is greatly esteemed by all who know him.

KARL MAGNUS NELSON, M. D.

The medical profession has been honored by the labors of Dr. Karl M. Nelson, who is now engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery at Princeton. He was born in Sweden on the 19th of August, 1890, and is the son of a tanner. When but a child he lost both parents by death, after which he made his home with an uncle until twelve years of age, in the meantime going to school and working in a store. In 1905 he came to the United States, first locating in Menominee, Michigan, where he attended the public schools and worked in the plant of the Lloyd Manufacturing Company. He was a loyal and efficient employe and in the course of time became the foreman of a department. However, he determined to secure a higher education and, going to Chicago, entered North Park College, in which he pursued his academic studies. He next became a student in the University of Chicago, through which he worked his way, being employed in the library and in the president's office, and in waiting on table. He was also on the university gymnastic teams. He was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science and then matriculated in Rush Medical College, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1919.

Dr. Nelson served as interne in the Children's Memorial Hospital, after which he went to Europe and took post-graduate work in London, Paris and Sweden. Then, under the auspices of the Church of the Covenant of the Lutheran denomination, he went to China and took special work at the Peking Union Medical College, which had been established through the Rockefeller Foundation, and later he had charge of a hospital at Siang Yang, in central China, for six years. In 1926 he returned to the United States and entered upon the private practice of his profession

in Chicago, where he remained a year, after which he came to Princeton, where he has practiced to the present time. Though conducting a general practice, the Doctor specializes in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and through close devotion to his work, he has met with notable success.

Dr. Nelson was united in marriage to Miss Anna Larson, who was born in Chicago of Swedish parents and is a trained nurse, having graduated from the Englewood Hospital of Chicago. They are the parents of three sons, all of whom were born in China, Dexter, Kenneth and Burton. During the World war the Doctor was a member of the Students Army Training Corps of the University of Chicago, and is now a member of the American Legion. He is a republican in his political views and he belongs to the Bureau County Country Club and the Booster Club of Princeton. Professionally, he is affiliated with the Bureau County Medical Society and the Illinois State Medical Society and in 1928 became a fellow of the American Medical Association. He is greatly respected by his professional brethren, is popular socially and throughout the community is regarded as one of its ablest and most dependable physicians.

FRED J. SCHIFELING

Fred J. Schifeling, who is successful in the real estate and general contracting business, and is one of Peoria's well known and highly respected citizens, was born in this city January 11, 1901, a son of Albert and Laura (Borries) Schifeling. His paternal grandfather, John Schifeling, a native of Germany, died in Peoria, where he had extensive real estate holdings. He was a veteran of the Civil war and commanded the respect of the entire community. Albert Schifeling, who was a lifelong resident of Peoria, engaged in the jewelry business, in which he was successful. He was a republican in politics and was an earnest member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His wife was born in Peoria, where she has always lived, a daughter of Frank H. Borries, a native of Germany, who was a veteran of the Civil war, and later engaged in the meat business in Peoria, where he died.

Fred J. Schifeling after graduating from high school attended Bradley College. He and Carl Jobst, Jr., formed a partnership in the insurance business, under the firm name of C. J. Jobst & Company, and represented the Travelers Insurance Company for about eighteen months. Mr. Schifeling then went to Chicago and engaged in the investment business, being first associated for two and a half years with C. W. Gillett as members of the Chicago Stock Exchange. Later he became a partner in the firm of Philip A. Frear & Company, with which he was connected until 1923, when he returned to Peoria and engaged in the real estate and general contracting business, under the name of Fred J. Schifeling & Company, but is the sole owner.

Mr. Schifeling is a republican in politics and is a member of the Universalist Church. He was president of the Boys' class in Calvary Presbyterian Church for two years. He belongs to Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Council, No. 11, R. & S. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; and is a life member of Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R., and Mohammed Temple A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to the Y. M. C. A., the Creve Coeur Club, the North Shore Country Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Kickapoo Country Club and Olympia Fields Country Club of Chicago. He is a member of the Izaak Walton League and is president of the Douglas Shooting and Fishing Club. During the World war he took an active part in selling Liberty bonds and has always given his earnest support to movements or measures calculated to promote the interests of his city or county, being recognized as one of Peoria's wide-awake and progressive citizens.

BEN L. SMITH

For many years Ben L. Smith has been prominent in the professional, political and civic affairs of Tazewell county, and also in matters affecting the interests of the entire state, and is regarded as a most progressive and influential citizen. He was born near Mackinaw, Tazewell county, Illinois, June 23, 1882, and is a son of S. S. and Ida (Briggs) Smith. In the paternal line

he is of English descent, his great-grandfather, Samuel Smith, having come to this country from England. The remaining years of his life he devoted to farming. He was the father of John H. G. Smith, who was born in 1823, at Hagerstown, Maryland, where he was reared. From there he went to Xenia, Ohio, and in 1851 came to Mackinaw township, Tazewell county, where his death occurred in 1905. He was a farmer and improved one hundred and ninety acres as his homestead. He married Miss Elizabeth Haybarger, who was born at Stouts' Grove, Illinois, and died in Mackinaw. Their son, S. S. Smith, was born at the homestead in Mackinaw township, November 8, 1856, devoted the active years of his life to agricultural pursuits, and died in Mackinaw in December, 1916. He was a democrat politically and was active in local public affairs, having served for six years as highway commissioner of his township, and sixteen years as a member and three years as chairman of the county board of supervisors. He was a member of the Christian Church. In the maternal line Ben L. Smith is of Scotch ancestry, his great-grandfather, William Briggs, having come to this country from Scotland in 1754, with two brothers, all settling in Culpeper county, Virginia, where his death occurred in February, 1800. He married Miss Judith W. Moore and they became the parents of Benjamin Briggs, who was born in Virginia, April 8, 1783, and died in Tazewell county, Illinois, February 17, 1884. He followed the occupation of farming. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, in which he helped Commodore Perry build his navy on Lake Erie. He was connected with what would now be called the Marines, fought in the disastrous engagement at Rasin river and took an active part in other engagements until the close of the war. On receiving his honorable discharge he walked home all the way from Lake Erie to Kentucky. He married Miss Susan Hubbard, who was born in Kentucky, and died in Elm Grove township, east of Pekin, Illinois, September 2, 1843. They became the parents of Strother Briggs, who was born May 31, 1817, and died at the Briggs homestead in Little Mackinaw township, Tazewell county, Illinois, March 19, 1901, here he had devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. His wife, whose family name was Railsback, was a native of Kentucky, and also died in Little Mackinaw township.

Their daughter Ida, who became the wife of S. S. Smith, was a native of Little Mackinaw township, and died there October 3, 1887, at the age of twenty-seven years.

Ben L. Smith graduated from the Mackinaw high school in 1899 and attended the Illinois State Normal School at Normal in 1900 and 1901. He taught school in Tazewell county for four years and during the last three years was principal of the high school at Mackinaw. He then entered the Bloomington Law School, a part of Illinois Wesleyan University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1909. In June of that year he was admitted to the bar and soon afterward located in Pekin, where he engaged in the practice of his profession. In the fall of 1910 Mr. Smith was elected county superintendent of schools and filled the position for eight years, during which period he gave up the practice of law. In 1918 he resumed his professional work at Pekin, having entered into a partnership with his brother, T. N. Smith, under the firm name of Smith & Smith. He is an able and competent attorney, his record having gained for him a high standing in the profession.

In 1906 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Mettie Puterbaugh, a native of Mackinaw, Illinois, and a daughter of Charles and Emma (Haybarger) Puterbaugh, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Smith graduated from the Mackinaw high school and attended the Illinois State Normal School at Normal for one year, after which she taught school for five years prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Women's Club of Pekin. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of two sons. Claude P., born September 12, 1907, was graduated from Eureka College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1929 and is now a student in the University of Illinois, and Harold H., born on June 26, 1913, is a junior in the Pekin high school.

In November, 1918, Mr. Smith was elected a member of the Illinois house of representatives, in which body he served for six years, and in 1924 he was elected to the state senate, where he served four years. As a member of the legislature, he was especially interested in educational matters and took an active part in developing community and township high school legislation. Concrete highway construction was begun in Illinois at this time

and he had a prominent part in laying out the routes in the six counties comprising his district, namely, Tazewell, Mason, Menard, Cass, Brown and Schuyler. Among the large appropriations which he helped secure for his district were Beardstown "sea" wall, Pekin highway bridge over the Illinois river, and one million five hundred thousand dollars for flood relief in the Illinois River Valley, the two latter appropriation bills being introduced by him. While in the legislature he was a member of the state deep waterways commission, composed of nine members appointed by Governor Small to further the project of connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean, through the St. Lawrence river. He served on that commission for six years, and from 1921 to 1923 he was also a member of the Illinois waterway commission, a legislative commission to promote the construction of the Illinois waterway. At the age of twenty-one years he was elected trustee for the village of Mackinaw, serving in that capacity while filling the position of high school principal. He has always supported the democratic party and he and his wife are earnest members of the Christian Church in Pekin. During the World war Mr. Smith took an active and effective part in the various drives, serving as a Four-Minute speaker. He is a member of Empire Lodge, No. 126, A. F. & A. M., and the Pekin Association of Commerce. A man of great energy and the capacity for getting things done, he is a valued citizen of Pekin and as lawyer, legislator and citizen has won the respect and confidence of his fellowmen.

WALTER C. GILL

Walter C. Gill, a well known business man and sterling citizen of Peoria, is secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Lake Erie Mining Company, at 826 South Adams street. He was born in Flora, Illinois, on the 12th of August, 1889, a son of William E. and Sallie Elizabeth (Smith) Gill. His paternal grandfather, Walter C. Gill, a native of Leeds, England, was a stonemason by trade and was for a number of years in the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, building a number of bridges

along the line of that road. He died near Flora, Illinois. His son, William E. Gill, was born in Flora, Illinois, and devoted the active years of his life to the contracting and building business, but is now retired and lives in Moline, this state. He is a republican in politics and served as supervisor and tax collector of Clay county. In religious faith he is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife was born in Indiana and died in Moline, Illinois, in September, 1916, at the age of sixty-one years. She was a daughter of Tyler Smith, who was a native of Indiana, became a farmer in Illinois, and died near Flora, this state.

Walter C. Gill graduated from the high school at Flora in 1907 and then took a course in the Orchard City College, at that place. Going to Denver, Colorado, he entered the purchasing department of the Moffatt Railroad, now the Denver & Salt Lake Railroad, and a year later was made chief clerk to the superintendent of motive power of the same road, which position he held for four years. During the ensuing eighteen months he held a similar position with the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad, and then became connected with the Maplewood Colliery Company, of Peoria, Illinois, as mine clerk and cashier. He filled that position for four years in a very capable manner, and was then made superintendent of the mine, and in 1925 became secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Lake Erie Mining Company, holding also the same offices in relation to the Contractors and Builders' Supply Company, of Peoria.

On December 27, 1910, in Denver, Colorado, Mr. Gill was united in marriage to Miss Avaline Boynton, a native of Haverhill, Ohio, and a daughter of Asa and Elizabeth (Fouert) Boynton, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Gill is a graduate of the Haverhill high school and was graduated from Glendale College, at Cincinnati, in 1908, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, after which she taught music prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Gill have two daughters, Margaret Avaline, born June 9, 1915, and Mary LaCroix, born September 26, 1917.

Mr. Gill supports the republican party and he and his wife are members of the Second Presbyterian Church of Peoria. He belongs to Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the

Creve Coeur Club, the Optimist Club, and the Mount Hawley Country Club, of which he is a member of the board of governors. Mrs. Gill is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Woman's City Club and the Peoria Woman's Club. Greatly interested in those things which concern the material or civic welfare of his community Mr. Gill is recognized as a man of right principles and high ideals, is widely known in this locality and is uniformly respected by all.

FRANK JOSEPH JOHNIGK

Frank J. Johnigk, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Peoria Planing Mill Company, received a thorough training in carpenter and cabinet work in the old country and is regarded as an expert in that line. As a business man he is capable and reliable and well earned success is rewarding his efforts. He was born in Berlin, Germany, February 21, 1890, and is a son of Frank and Katharina (Schaefer) Johnigk. His father was born in East Prussia in 1866 and is now living in Forchheim, Karlsruhe, Baden, Germany, where he is railroad station master. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. His father, John Johnigk, was a native of East Prussia and died at the home of his son in Forchheim. He had followed farming throughout his life. Katharina (Schaefer) Johnigk, who was born in Mingsheim, Baden, Germany, in 1866, and is living in Forchheim, is a daughter of Oswalz and Barbara (Kaltenstein) Schaefer. The former, born in Germany, was the owner of a cooperage business, and he died at Langenbruecken, Germany, while his wife, also a native of that country, passed away at Forchheim.

Frank J. Johnigk was a student in the public schools of Forchheim for eight years. He spent three years in Karlsruhe, learning the cabinetmaking trade, and for two half days each week attended a trade school at Karlsruhe, from which he received a diploma. He successfully passed the journeyman's examination and went to work at Freiburg, Breisgau, Baden, Germany, where he was employed for two years as a journeyman cabinetmaker by Master Pugini. Resigning that position, he traveled by foot

down the beautiful Rhine valley to Cologne, the trip requiring three weeks' time, during which he wore out two pairs of half soles. He worked one year in that city for Master Fresfeld, and then traveled by bicycle to the world exposition in Brussels, Belgium. From there he went to Rotterdam and Amsterdam, Holland, thence across northern Germany to Bremen, to Hamburg, Kiel, Berlin, Magdeburg, Dresden, Leipzig and Munich, Bavaria, a journey of two thousand miles on bicycle, covering three months. In Munich he was employed by Boemler & Son (who bore the title of Hoflieferant, which means the most prominent cabinet workers in the city). After one year, he left for Italy and spent three months in various parts of that country, eventually landing at Aarau, Switzerland, where he worked for one year for Wernli & Munbrecht, cabinetmakers. At Freiburg, Baden, Germany, he was employed one year by Dietler & Sons (Hoflieferant), and then traveled by bicycle to Cologne, where he worked for Leichtken & Friedericks (Hoflieferant). While there at the age of twenty-three years, he made his masterpiece, which was a hand carved bookcase, which brought him first prize at the exhibition of masterpieces held in the Guerzenich hall in Cologne, in May, 1912. From there he went on another bicycle trip of two thousand miles across Germany and Bavaria, through Tyrol, Austria and all parts of Switzerland. Returning to his home in Forchheim, he was with Himmelheber Sons (Hoflieferant) as a cabinetmaker, remaining there eighteen months. In May, 1914, he embarked on the "Imperator," at that time the largest ship afloat, and came to the United States to visit his aunt, Mrs. Lena Wolkenstein, in Peoria, Illinois. Because of the outbreak of the World war he found it would be impossible to get back to his native land, so accepted a position as cabinetmaker with the Wahlfeld Manufacturing Company, of Peoria, with which he remained one year. Then he was with the Best Manufacturing Company five years, or until it went temporarily out of business. Then he and three other cabinetmakers organized the Peoria Planing Mill Company, of which he is vice president, secretary and treasurer. One of their first jobs was making the forms and woodwork for the Japanese bridge in Bradley park. They specialize in the better grade of general and odd mill work and have been very successful,

their plant being regarded as one of the best in this section of the state, the high quality of their work being their best advertisement. Mr. Johnigk has devoted his efforts tirelessly to the interests of the company and has seen the business develop into one of the leading industries of the city. He is also manager of the Smithville Road Light and Power Company.

On November 7, 1917, in Peoria, Mr. Johnigk was married to Miss Marie Goldmann, a native of Wigstadl, Austria, and a daughter of Ignatz Goldmann, now of Peoria. Mr. and Mrs. Johnigk are the parents of three children, Marie Berta, born in May, 1920; Frank Joseph, Jr., born in September, 1922; and Bettie Louisa, born in June, 1927. Politically Mr. Johnigk supports the republican party and has served as a committeeman. He is president of the Parent-Teacher Association of district school No. 70. He belongs to St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, the Knights of St. John, and St. Joseph's Society, of which he has been secretary for the past fourteen years. His home is well situated on a forty acre tract of land two miles west of Bartonville, where he raises chickens as a diversion. He is a man of mature and reliable judgment in practical things and all who have come in contact with him hold him in high regard for his ability and fine personal qualities.

HENRY B. MORGAN

Henry B. Morgan, of Peoria, who retired from active business a number of years ago, is one of the most highly regarded citizens of this city, where for an extended period he was prominently identified with important interests. He was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, September 30, 1847, a son of William F. and Ann T. (Bruce) Morgan. His father was born in Kentucky, in 1813, and died in Champaign, Illinois, September, 1900. While living in Kentucky, he was the owner of a general store and after coming to Champaign county turned his attention to farming, which he followed successfully. He voted the democratic ticket and was a member of the Baptist Church. His wife was born in Kentucky, in 1818, and died in Champaign, Illinois, July 4, 1900,

about two months prior to the death of her husband. Her father, Henry Bruce, a native of Virginia, removed to Fleming county, Kentucky, when a boy and married Miss Threlkeld, who also was a native of Virginia.

Henry B. Morgan became associated with Nelson Woodruff, his father-in-law, in the ice business in Peoria, and was manager of the business for sixteen years. He was then appointed postmaster of Peoria, which position he held four years, during the second Cleveland administration. For twenty years prior to his retirement, in 1918, he was manager of the Peoria Water Works Company. During four years of his connection with the ice business he was a member of the city council. He is now past four score years in age and is enjoying a well earned leisure, after many years of activity and honorable effort.

On May 5, 1874, in Peoria, Mr. Morgan was united in marriage to Miss Jeannette Woodruff, a native of this city, who died here March 2, 1910. She was a sister of Mayor Edward N. Woodruff and a daughter of Nelson and Mary (Monroe) Woodruff, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Morgan was an active member of Grace Presbyterian Church and belonged to the Peoria Women's Club. To this union were born two daughters, Jessie, who is the wife of Edward W. Meredith, of Peoria, and the mother of three children, Janice, Charlotte Ann and Henry Morgan; and Lillian, who is the wife of Frank T. Miller, of Peoria, and has two daughters, Jeannette Morgan and Lillian Bruce.

Mr. Morgan has always supported the democratic party and has been deeply interested in public affairs. For the past forty-five years he has been an advocate of the Lake to the Gulf Deep Waterway, and is the father of that movement in Peoria. He has worked hard and constantly to advance the cause, has attended all of the conventions held by the Lake to Gulf Deep Waterway Association and was president of the Illinois Waterways Association in 1915. He is a member and was president of the Creve Coeur Club during 1896-97-98, and is captain of the Kindergarten bowling team of that club, bowling being his favorite form of recreation. He belongs to the Optimists Club and the Association of Commerce and is a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, of which he was president of the board for twenty-five years. Dur-

ing the World war he took a leading part in the Liberty Bond and Red Cross drives and has always been prompt in his support of all movements or measures for the betterment of the community. Now, in the golden sunset of his life, he is able to look back over the span of years and feel that he has loyally done his part in the development of this section of the state. He is a kindly and affable gentleman, whom it is a pleasure to meet. In all of his activities with the public he has made few if any enemies.

LESTER O. SCHRIVER

Peoria is the home of Lester O. Schriver, one of the leading life insurance men of Illinois, a man who is not only rendering fine service to the company which he represents, but has also been a real factor in stimulating the general life insurance business of the state and nation through his forceful and able addresses before various gatherings of insurance men. Mr. Schriver was born in Bristol, Connecticut, on the 7th of March, 1891, and is the son of Milo S. and Fannie C. (Osborn) Schriver. He is the scion of an old American family, established in this country in colonial days. His great-great-grandfather, Peter Schriver, who was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, was a native and lifelong resident of Dutchess county, New York, where he followed the vocation of farming. He was the father of Henry Schriver, who was born in Dutchess county, New York, and died in Chester, that state. He followed agricultural pursuits and was a veteran of the War of 1812. He married Charlotte Mills, a native of Orange county, and they became the parents of Rev. Sela Payne Schriver, who was born in La Grange, New York, and died in Harwinton, Connecticut, after many years of effective service as a minister of the Free Methodist Church. He married Martha Whitney, who was born in Warren, Connecticut, and died in Terryville, that state. They were the parents of Milo S. Schriver, father of Lester O. He was born in Kent, Connecticut, on January 16, 1861, devoted the active years of his life to farming, but is now retired and lives in Cromwell, Connecticut. He is a republican in politics and has filled some local



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offices in his community. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fannie C. (Osborn) Schriver was born in Pawling, New York, on August 12, 1865, and is a daughter of William and Caroline E. (Slocum) Osborn, both of whom were natives of Pawling, where the father died. He owned and operated a saw-mill for many years. His wife, who died in Bristol, Connecticut, was a direct descendant of General Slocum, a prominent military leader of the Civil war.

Lester O. Schriver graduated from the Bristol (Connecticut) high school in 1909, after which he entered Syracuse University, from which he was graduated, in 1915. He took post-graduate work in his alma mater and was ordained to the ministry of the Congregational Church at Middletown, Connecticut. Later he was pastor of the First Congregational Church at Higganum, that state, and, altogether, preached about ten years, during the last five years of which period he also served as secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Middletown. In 1923 Mr. Schriver took over the management of the educational department of the Aetna Life Insurance Company in Hartford, Connecticut, which position he filled so satisfactorily that in 1926 he was made superintendent of agencies, with headquarters in Hartford. He filled that position for three years and then, on January 1, 1929, came to Peoria as general agent of his company for Illinois, outside of Chicago, which position he now holds. During the past five years he has spoken extensively before life insurance groups throughout the United States and Canada, and Mr. Walt Tower, managing director of the Chicago Underwriters Association, had the following to say of him: "Mr. Lester O. Schriver is a very forceful, nationally known speaker. He has been enthusiastically received by the New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and other associations. He is well versed on insurance, makes a clever presentation and is an able manager, as was demonstrated by his efficient handling of the Sales Congress, just completed in Peoria. Many reports are that this Sales Congress was one of the finest ever conducted. He has been superintendent of agencies for four years and at present is general agent."

On September 15, 1915, in Syracuse, New York, Mr. Schriver

was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Larkin, who was born in Brewerton, New York, and is the daughter of James W. and Alice (Merritt) Larkin, both of whom are deceased. Her father was engaged in the retail grocery business in Brewerton for many years. Mrs. Schriver is a graduate of Onondaga Academy, at Syracuse, and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Schriver are the parents of two children, namely: Alice Caroline, born August 11, 1916, and Merritt V. Larkin, born on August 2, 1924.

Mr. Schriver gives his political support to the republican party and held numerous city offices in Middletown, Connecticut. He also represented that town in the Connecticut Legislature in 1919. He and his wife are members of the First Congregational Church of Peoria and he fills various pulpits from time to time, having preached in many local pulpits. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter and council in Middletown, Connecticut, and the commandery in Peoria, Illinois. He is a member of the Creve Coeur Club and University Club, both of Peoria, and is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce in Middletown, Connecticut. During the late war he helped to organize a unit of the State Guard, which was known as Company M, Sixth Regiment. He also spoke for the Liberty Loan drives and assisted in many Young Men's Christian Association programs in various army camps. As a diversion from his business life, he enjoys the collecting of manuscripts on Abraham Lincoln, and the exploring of caves throughout the country. He possesses a forceful personality, makes a favorable impression on those with whom he comes in contact, and is deservedly popular in the circles to which he belongs.

EDGAR A. SORRELL

Edgar A. Sorrell, the able and efficient district manager at Peoria for the Westinghouse Electric Supply Company, Inc., rose to his present position through faithful and loyal service over a period of years and is regarded as one of the company's most valued employees. Born in Lincoln, Illinois, he is a son of Thomas A.

and Mary L. (Cullip) Sorrell. His father was born in Kentucky, December 10, 1853, and is now a resident of Peoria, being the owner of a cigar stand in the courthouse. He is a democrat in politics and a member of the Union Congregational Church. His wife was born in Lincoln, Illinois, April 16, 1857, and died in Peoria, November 9, 1928. She was a daughter of John and Mary L. Cullip, who were natives of Ohio and died in Lincoln, Illinois. Mr. Cullip was a farmer and was a veteran of the Civil war.

Edgar A. Sorrell attended the summer grade school in Peoria and the night sessions of Brown's Business College. While in the public schools he worked for two and a half years as a delivery boy for Royster Brothers, retail grocers. He then went to work as a bundle boy for the B. & M. Clothing Company, of Peoria, with which concern he remained for thirteen years, being promoted from time to time until when he resigned he was window trimmer and advertising man. His next position was that of traveling salesman for the Mills Electric Company for about eighteen months, and in 1913 he became a traveling salesman for the Illinois Electric Company. He filled that position for thirteen years and for the past three and a half years has been district manager, in which capacity he has rendered valuable and important service.

On June 17, 1908, in Peoria, Mr. Sorrell was married to Miss Irma Lang, a native of this city and a daughter of Leonard and Paulina (Engleback) Lang. Her father, who is a native of Baden, Germany, is engaged in the harness business in Peoria. Mrs. Sorrell graduated from the Peoria high school and attended Bradley College. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and is president of the Mothers' Club of the Glen Oak school. Mr. and Mrs. Sorrell are the parents of four children: Leonard A., born May 4, 1911; Pauline, September 7, 1913; Elizabeth ("Betty"), July 2, 1915; and Irma, January 17, 1918.

The republican party receives Mr. Sorrell's support and he has shown a live interest in local public affairs, having served as a member of the Peoria school board, and was for six years electric inspector for Peoria Heights. He is a member of Illinois Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed

Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Travelers Protective Association, of which he was president in 1928; the Peoria Electric League, of which he is president; the Creve Coeur, Mt. Hawley Country, Illinois Valley Yacht and Kiwanis Clubs; the Peoria Association of Commerce and the United Commercial Travelers' Association. He and his wife are earnest members of the Union Congregational Church, and give their support to every movement or interest for the material, civic or moral advantage of the city in which they live.

WALTER A. WOOD

During the past seven years Walter A. Wood has conducted the Peoria agency for the Hudson and Essex cars, has built up a splendid sales organization and has met with well merited success in a financial way. He was born in Peru, Illinois, on the 28th of August, 1884, a son of James H. and Josephine (Reynolds) Wood. The family has long resided in Peru, his grandfather, James Wood, having been a lifelong resident of that place, where he conducted a successful merchant tailoring business. James H. Wood was born in Peru, in 1854, and died in Peoria, August 4, 1904. He was a vehicle manufacturer's agent, was a republican in his political views, and was a member of the Congregational Church. His wife, who is a native of Oakland, California, is living with her son Walter A.

The latter attended the public schools of Peoria and after graduating from high school and from Bradley College, took a commercial course in Brown's Business College. He entered the employ of the Avery Company, being assigned to the sales department in which he continued for two years, after which he represented the company as a traveling salesman for three years. He then traveled for the Columbus Buggy Company, of Columbus, Ohio, for three years, and spent a year as traveling salesman with the Bartholomew Company, of Peoria. He next became associated with the Travis-Cadillac Company, of Peoria, being in charge of its retail sales department for ten years. In the fall of 1923 he took over the agency for the Hudson and Essex

cars, which he has since handled. His first location was at 224 South Jefferson street, where he remained for three years, removing, in 1926, to his present excellent quarters at 704-706 South Adams street, where he conducts the business under the name of the W. A. Wood Company. Owing to his sound and progressive methods and his effective sales efforts, he has gained a reputation as an enterprising and up-to-date business man and is one of the leading automobile dealers of this locality.

Mr. Wood is a republican in his political views. He is a member of Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E., the Creve Coeur Club, the Peoria Country Club and the Association of Commerce. He gave active support to the various local drives and other war measures during the great world conflict and has ever been loyal to the best interests of his community. He and his mother reside at their home, 315 Bigelow street, Peoria.

WESLEY C. GULLETT

Wesley C. Gullett, the capable and popular secretary of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, is one of the public-spirited citizens of his community, in the progress and welfare of which he shows keen interest. He was born near Lafayette, Indiana, on the 16th of August, 1871, a son of John W. and Nellie Frances (Parker) Gullett. The father was born at New Albany, Indiana, on the 22d of February, 1841, and was a son of John W. Gullett, who was probably from North Carolina and of Scotch-Irish and French descent. John W. Gullett, Jr., was a farmer and was also well known as an auctioneer. In 1881 he moved from Indiana to Canton, Illinois, driving in a covered wagon. He was active in his support of the republican party and served several years as school director and road commissioner. A veteran of the Civil war, he was a member of Company M, Twenty-third Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, serving under General Lew Wallace. His wife was born in Ross county, Ohio, February 6, 1847, a daughter of James and Mary Parker, and was descended from an old Virginia family, well known in the early history of that state as land owners and politicians. Four of her uncles served in the

Civil war. Both parents are deceased, Mr. Gullett dying November 11, 1912, and his wife February 27, 1917. They are buried at Canton.

Wesley C. Gullett attended the public schools of Marietta, Illinois, and then entered the Western Normal College at Bushnell, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1889. He was an active leader in the various school interests, being a prominent member of the literary and debating societies. He became an educator, serving for seventeen years as teacher and principal. In 1897 he established the Springfield Sun and for several years thereafter followed the newspaper business. In 1911 he became city editor of the Canton Register, and later the editor of that paper, with which he was connected until it was sold, when he became clerk of the Fulton county board of review. Later he was made assessor and worked in Canton as a deputy collector for the county treasurer. These relations were terminated in 1927, when he accepted the position of secretary of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, which position he is still filling in a very acceptable manner.

On July 14, 1903, Mr. Gullett was united in marriage to Miss Ethel Josephine Demming, who was born June 5, 1884, a daughter of Rev. H. J. and Sarah (Randall) Demming, of Nilwood, Illinois. Her parents were born May 3, 1842, and December 8, 1848, respectively and both are still living. Mrs. Gullett was educated in the public schools of Rushville, Illinois, after which she taught school for several years prior to her marriage. She is an accomplished musician and teaches piano in her home. She is a member of the Pythian Sisters and is very popular among her friends and associates. Mr. and Mrs. Gullett are the parents of three children: Glenn E., born October 4, 1904, lives in Peoria; Carl E., born July 15, 1906, is at home; and Faye A., born July 28, 1909, is a student in Northwestern University. The family home is at 605 East Maple street, Canton.

Mr. Gullett is a republican and has been actively interested in political affairs ever since attaining his majority. He has been a member of the senatorial committee for the past sixteen years, during half of which time he was its chairman and is now secretary. He served for nine years as a school trustee of Harris

township, and also four years as a member of the city council of St. David, Illinois. Fraternally, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed through the chairs, the Knights of Pythias, the Loyal Americans, and the Sons of Veterans, of which he is state commander. He and his wife are earnest members of the Methodist Protestant Church, to which they give generous support, as they do also to all worthy benevolent causes. A man of good education, a studious reader and deep thinker, he holds definite views on questions of public policy; is recognized as one of Fulton county's capable and substantial citizens and commands the respect and good will of those who know him.

RAYMOND S. WHITEHEAD

One of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of Canton, Fulton county, is Raymond S. Whitehead, who is conducting a prosperous retail grocery business. He is also widely known because of his activity in connection with the Illinois Hunters and Fishers' Association, of which he was one of the founders and is a director. He was born at Liverpool, Fulton county, April 27, 1898, a son of Truman and Stella (Bull) Whitehead. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, after which he worked in his father's store until 1917. On April 7, 1917, he volunteered for service in the World war and was sent to Camp Logan as a member of Company M, One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment. Later he was transferred to the One Hundred and Eighth Engineers, with which command he sailed for France from Camp Merritt, New Jersey, May 7, 1918. He landed at Brest and during the remainder of the war he took an active part in hostilities. In the spring of 1919 he returned to this country and was honorably discharged on June 9th, at Camp Grant, Illinois. On his return to Canton, Mr. Whitehead became associated with his father in business, and is thus still engaged. He is an alert and enterprising business man and has well earned the success which has come to him.

On December 27, 1921, Mr. Whitehead was united in mar-

riage to Miss Araminta Dorcas Ross, who was born in Rushville, Illinois, January 8, 1898, and is a daughter of S. B. Sirvantice and Mary Araminta (Moore) Ross. She attended the high school at Rushville and the State Normal School at Macomb, Illinois, and the normal at Valley City, North Dakota, after which she taught in the grade schools of Schuyler and McDonough counties for about six years. She is still a student, being a close reader of standard literature, and is fond of travel, having visited many parts of the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead are the parents of a daughter, Mathilde Jane, born February 13, 1925. They own their home at 148 East Vine street, Canton.

Politically Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead maintain an independent attitude, voting for the men and measures that in their judgment will promote the public welfare. They attend the Baptist Church. Mr. Whitehead is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, the Eagles, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and was one of the organizers and is a director of the Illinois Hunters and Fishers' Association, the principal object of which is the protection of the wild game of this state, while the association also urges the abolition of the drainage districts of the Illinois River Valley in the interest of future flood control. It now has a membership of about five thousand and is steadily growing in strength and influence throughout the state. Mr. Whitehead is also active in the interest of the American Legion, in which he has served on a number of important committees. He is a man of high civic ideals, loyal to the best interests of his community, and to a marked degree commands public respect and confidence.

EDWARD W. MEREDITH

Edward W. Meredith, president and general manager of the Edward W. Meredith Company, Inc., is one of Peoria's energetic and progressive business men, who has, from a small beginning, built up a large and prosperous business in the advertising specialty line. He was born in Peoria and is a son of Joseph W. and Lottie (Hay) Meredith, and a grandson of Joseph W., Sr., and Lydia Moss (Gill) Meredith, the former of whom joined the his-

toric gold rush to California in 1849, and probably died there. His wife was born in Maysville, Kentucky, and died in Peoria in 1914, at the age of eighty-three years. She was a niece of Mrs. Lydia Bradley, of Peoria. Joseph W. Meredith was born at Moss-ville, Illinois, in 1852, and died in Peoria, August 18, 1899. He was a carpenter by trade, and he gave his political support to the republican party. Lottie (Hay) Meredith was born in Limestone township, Peoria county, January 26, 1852, and died in Peoria, March 30, 1920. She was a daughter of John and Charlotta Wilhelmmina Louise (Gossman) Hay. Her father was born in Newcastle, England, and after coming to Peoria county engaged in farming in Limestone township, where his death occurred. His wife, who also passed away in that township, was a native of Osnabrück, Germany. Mrs. Lottie Meredith and her sister, Miss May E. Hay, taught in the public schools of Peoria for a number of years, and later for several years Mrs. Meredith was on the staff of the Peoria Transcript and the Peoria Evening Star.

Edward W. Meredith attended the public and high schools of Peoria, after which he learned the art of telegraphy. For fourteen years he served as telegraph operator on the Toledo, Peoria & Western and the Rock Island railroads, quitting that line of employment to accept the position of city collector of special assessments, which he held for four years. He then became connected with the Peoria Transcript, as reporter under George Fitch. In 1914 Mr. Meredith engaged in the advertising specialty business on Franklin street, this proving a successful venture, and he is now located at 113 Main street, where he has complete and modern equipment for the proper handling of the business. In addition to the advertising specialties, in the sale of which the company has been very successful, it also does direct by mail advertising by contract, as well as a general line of high grade commercial printing.

Mr. Meredith was married in Peoria to Miss Jessie Woodruff Morgan, a native of Peoria and a daughter of Henry B. and Jannette (Woodruff) Morgan, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Meredith graduated from Peoria high school and received a good musical education in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith have three children, Janice, Charlotte and Henry. Mrs.

Meredith is a member of the Peoria Women's Club, the Amateur Music Club and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Meredith is a republican and he and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to Peoria Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Council, No. 11, R. & S. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and he also has membership in the Creve Coeur Club and the Optimist Club.

MARSHALL U. FAW

Marshall U. Faw, former assistant state's attorney of Fulton county, and a capable lawyer, was born at Washburn, Illinois, November 29, 1900, a son of Bloom and Louisa U. (Marsh) Faw. His paternal great-grandfather, Elijah Faw, was a pioneer Baptist minister in the east, and his grandfather, Amos Faw, was a native of North Carolina. Bloom Faw was born at Altamont, Missouri, July 4, 1870, and has followed agricultural pursuits during the greater part of his life. He is a democrat and has taken an active part in local public affairs in Woodford county, having served as a member of the school board and of the Washburn township high school board. He belongs to and is a deacon of the Christian Church and is one of the prominent citizens of his community. Louisa U. (Marsh) Faw was born March 8, 1864, a daughter of John and Olive Marsh. She too is an active member of the Christian Church. Mr. Faw's ancestral line is connected with the Wilcoxon family, who were direct descendants of Daniel Boone. He has a brother, Judson A. Faw, born on July 20, 1903, and still living at Washburn, Illinois, and three half-brothers and two half-sisters, namely: John Russell Black, of Miami, Florida; Albert Lincoln, a physician and osteopath, living in Colorado; Harry W., an osteopath in Maryville, Tennessee; Mrs. Dillon Black Brigham, a physician in California; and Mabel C. Black, of Los Angeles, California.

Marshall U. Faw attended the public schools of Washburn, graduating from high school in 1919. While attending school he worked on a farm and afterward taught school for two years.

He then entered Illinois Wesleyan University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1925. In college he became a member of the Phi Delta Phi fraternity. Going to Florida, he practiced law for one year, then returned to his native state and was admitted to the bar in 1926. In that year he was also made assistant state's attorney. He has built up a large private practice and is now numbered among the active members of the Fulton county bar.

Mr. Faw is a republican in his political alignment and is greatly interested in party affairs. He belongs to the Christian Church and is superintendent of its Sunday school and is greatly interested in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is interested in the welfare of boys, has served as scout master of the Boy Scouts, and was primarily the organizer of the troop in Lewistown. A lover of athletic sports, he plays tennis and golf, and does a good deal of hunting and fishing. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and of the Masonic State Association. He is affiliated with the Fulton County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association

Mr. Faw, while numbered among the younger attorneys of Fulton county, is regarded as one of the bar's able members and has been very successful both as a trial lawyer and office practitioner. He stands for those things which contribute to the general welfare of the community and is well worthy of the high place which he holds in public regard.

SIDNEY A. SMITH, M. D.

For the past fifteen years Dr. Sidney A. Smith has devoted his efforts to promoting the health of the people of Chillicothe and vicinity, and has met with a measure of success which has gained for him high standing in his profession. He was born in the town in which he now lives on the 25th of February, 1885, and is a son of Davis P. and Mary C. (Cresswell) Smith. His father was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1839, and died in Chillicothe, Illinois, in 1916. He was a shoemaker by

trade and a man of sturdy and dependable qualities. He served as a Marine during the Civil war. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, gave his active political support to the democratic party, filled a number of local offices, and was held in high esteem among his fellowmen. His wife was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1851, and is now living in Chillicothe.

Sidney A. Smith graduated from the Chillicothe high school in 1903 and in 1910 was graduated from the medical school of the University of Illinois, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served for eighteen months as an interne in the Cook County Hospital, after which he became a member of the medical staff of the Lincoln State School and Colony, at Lincoln, this state, where he remained for eight months. He then opened an office in Prophetstown, Illinois, and practiced there for three years, at the end of which time he came to Chillicothe, where he has since been engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery, winning a wide reputation for his learning and skill.

On April 23, 1913, in Greenfield, Indiana, Dr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Adah Mae Fall, who was born in Lebanon, Indiana, and is a daughter of Clark and Henrietta (Sanders) Fall. Her father is deceased and her mother now resides in Indianapolis. Mrs. Smith attended the Lebanon public and high schools and the Chicago Art Institute. Dr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of a son, Jacob Sanders, born September 15, 1916.

The republican party receives Dr. Smith's support and he served two years as alderman in Chillicothe. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church, of which the Doctor is a trustee. He is a member of the George Washington Lodge, No. 222, A. F. & . A. M., in Chillicothe; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to the Alpha Omega Alpha and Phi Beta Pi college fraternities; the American Legion, of which he is a past commander; the North Shore Country Club and the Kiwanis Club. He maintains professional affiliation with the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. During the World war he served as a first lieutenant in the United States Medical Corps and

was a member of the staff of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, in New York city, for six months. He was then transferred to United States General Hospital, No. 32, in Chicago, where he remained until June, 1919, when he was honorably discharged, with the rank of first lieutenant. Dr. Smith is a man of wide learning in his profession and exceptional skill as a practitioner, and during the years of his residence in this community he has risen steadily in public esteem, until today he is one of the most highly regarded physicians of this section of the state.

WILLIAM W. INGRAM

Among the leading automobile agencies in Peoria, is the Ingram Motor Car Company, of which William W. Ingram is the proprietor. Ingram is one of the veterans in the business and has met with a splendid measure of success. He was born in Rutland, La Salle county, Illinois, on the 28th of March, 1878, and is a son of Samuel and Margaret (Phillips) Ingram. The family has long been established in this country, the paternal great-grandfather, John Ingram, having been a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania. His son Seth was born in western Pennsylvania in 1814 and died at Rutland, Illinois, June 12, 1895, at which time he was a retired farmer. He married Miss Mary Dorsey, who was born at Moundsville, West Virginia, and died at Rutland, Illinois, January 1, 1883. They became the parents of Samuel Ingram, who was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, March 5, 1850, and died in Chicago, Illinois, September 23, 1923. He was a retired farmer and was a republican in politics. He married Miss Margaret Phillips, who was born in Cameron, West Virginia, June 12, 1857, and is now living in Chicago, Illinois. She is a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Gray) Phillips, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, whence they moved to a farm near Cameron, West Virginia, where they spent their remaining years.

William W. Ingram attended the public and high schools of Rutland, Illinois, after which he followed professional bicycle

racing for four years, winning a number of races. He then entered the employ of the Central Illinois Independent Telephone Company at Rutland, remaining with that concern for ten years, and receiving a number of promotions, his last position being that of superintendent. He then gave his attention to the automobile business in Rutland for twelve years, or until 1917, when he came to Peoria, where he has continued in the same line of business to the present time, conducted under the name of the Ingram Motor Car Company, of which he is sole proprietor. During his first twenty-one years in this business Mr. Ingram handled the Rambler, Jeffery and Nash cars, which were products of the same factory, but in August, 1926, he took over the distribution of Studebaker cars, in handling which he has been very successful. He has well arranged offices and showroom at 613 Main street, and has an experienced and capable sales organization.

On April 15, 1925, in Davenport, Iowa, Mr. Ingram was united in marriage to Mrs. Mae (Landacre) Draper, a daughter of the late Andrew Landacre, of Columbus, Ohio. Mrs. Landacre lives in Brownstown, Illinois. Mr. Ingram is a republican in his political alignment and is a member of the Peoria Association of Commerce, the Creve Coeur Club, the Peoria Automobile Dealers Association, the Illinois State Automobile Dealers Association and the National Automobile Dealers Association. He is partial to duck hunting as a diversion. An energetic, able and progressive business man, the success which he has gained has come as the legitimate fruitage of his sound business judgment and enterprising methods.

LEONARD M. SELTZER

Leonard M. Seltzer is president of the Graham-Seltzer Company, one of the leading automobile equipment and radio firms of Peoria. This firm has been in existence for a number of years and is regarded as one of the largest and most reliable concerns of its kind in this section of the state. Mr. Seltzer was born in Trivoli, Illinois, on the 15th of October, 1872, and is a son of

William and Elizabeth M. (Griffin) Seltzer. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Seltzer, who was a native of Germany, came to the United States in 1839 and settled at Trivoli, of which locality he was one of the early pioneers, and there followed farming up to the time of his death. William Seltzer was born in Germany in 1830 and accompanied his parents on their removal to this country. He spent his life at Trivoli, where he followed the occupation of farming for many years, retiring some time prior to his death, which occurred there in February, 1914. He was a republican in his political views and served his township as road commissioner. Elizabeth M. (Griffin) Seltzer was born in Illinois in 1840 and died in Trivoli in 1884.

Leonard M. Seltzer was educated in the public schools of Trivoli and Brown's Business College in Peoria. He secured a position as stenographer and bookkeeper with the Hart Grain Weigher Company of Peoria, with whom he remained one year, after which he became secretary for Judson Starr, a lawyer of Peoria. A year later he became connected with Kingman & Company, jobbers in agricultural implements in Peoria, and was in the employ of that firm for five years, first as a stenographer and later as advertising manager. He was next identified with the firm of M. M. Baker & Company, of Peoria, dealers in threshing machinery and supplies, for eleven years, holding the office of vice president and having charge of the supply end of the business. On January 1, 1912, Mr. Seltzer and the late R. F. Graham bought the supply business of M. M. Baker & Company and organized the Graham-Seltzer Company. Mr. Seltzer was vice president of this firm until Mr. Graham retired, in 1927, since which time Mr. Seltzer has been president of the company. The firm handles automotive equipment and radios, and has built up a large business, about ninety per cent of which is wholesale. They employ nine traveling salesmen, who cover central Illinois.

On October 10, 1899, in Peoria, Mr. Seltzer was united in marriage to Miss Nora Hosler, who was born in McDonough county, Illinois, and is a daughter of Albert and Susan (Haynes) Hosler, both of whom are deceased. Her father, a farmer by occupation, was a man of splendid character and was highly respected in his community. Mrs. Seltzer attended the public schools

of McDonough county and Peoria, and Brown's Business College. Mr. and Mrs. Seltzer are the parents of two children, Ruth, who is the wife of Lyle H. Gift, of Peoria, and the mother of two children, Jack and Elizabeth; and Leonard W., of this city.

Mr. Seltzer supports the republican party and he and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church, of which he is a deacon. He belongs to Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and has membership in the Creve Coeur Club, the University Club, the Kiwanis Club and the Peoria Association of Commerce. He has proven a good citizen by his consistent support of those things which tend to promote the wellbeing of society, and is recognized as one of Peoria's solid and influential citizens.

HARRY R. SCRANTON

One of the most popular members of the official family of Peoria county is Harry R. Scranton, who has served for the past fourteen years as county auditor, in which capacity he has shown himself a man of ability and judgment. Born on January 9, 1883, in Peoria, he is a son of Charles Jackson and Carrie (Henry) Scranton, the latter of whom was born in this county and died in Peoria. Charles J. Scranton was born at Mendon, Illinois, on January 23, 1854, and was a traveling salesman for over fifty years. He is now retired from active affairs and lives in Peoria.

Harry R. Scranton was educated in the public schools of Peoria and the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, receiving also a course in Brown's Business College. He then became associated with his father in a manufacturing business in this city, but later entered the employ of H. T. Bloom & Company, overall manufacturers in Peoria, with which concern he remained until May 4, 1909, when he was appointed assistant city controller. He held that position until July 14, 1914, when he was appointed city collector of special assessments, the duties of which position he discharged in a very acceptable manner until December, 1916,



HARRY R. SCRANTON

when he was elected county auditor, and has continued in that capacity to the present time. His long retention in this important office is a marked testimonial to his ability, integrity and personal qualities.

On June 23, 1902, in Peoria, Mr. Scranton was united in marriage to Miss Caroline F. Miller, a native of Peoria and a daughter of Louis and Lida (Hamilton) Miller. Her father, who was a native and lifelong resident of Peoria, was connected with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad for a number of years. His widow, who was born at Atlanta, Illinois, is living in Peoria. Mrs. Scranton is a graduate of the Peoria high school.

Mr. Scranton is an active supporter of the republican party, having served as chairman of the city central committee in 1921 and as chairman of the county central committee in 1922. He belongs to the Creve Coeur Club, and the Association of Commerce. Fraternally, he is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Royal Order of Jesters; Calanthe Lodge, No. 47, K. P.; Peoria Lodge, No. 20, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Abbas Grotto; Col. William A. Thrush Camp, No. 25, S. V.; Diamond Camp, M. W. A., and the Y. M. C. A. For the past ten years he has served as secretary and treasurer of the Peoria Baseball Fans Association and is very fond of outdoor sports.

REV. ROBERT LEE LOGAN

One of the ablest and most successful ministers of the Gospel in Peoria county is the Rev. Robert Lee Logan, the popular pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Peoria. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 15th of November, 1894, he is a son of Hugh H. and Elizabeth (Megowan) Logan. In the paternal line he is of sterling old Irish stock, his grandparents, James and Jane Logan, having been natives of Dublin, Ireland. Both were school teachers, and both died in County Tyrone. Their son Hugh H. Logan was born in Ireland, March 17, 1869, and was reared at home to the age of sixteen years, when he came to the

United States alone. He became an accountant and is now living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is a republican in politics and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Germantown, Pennsylvania. Through his paternal Irish ancestry, Rev. Logan is related to James Logan, a prominent scientist who lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and who served as secretary to the colonial government. Elizabeth (Megowan) Logan was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 3, 1872, and is still living in that city. She is a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Miller) Megowan, the former a lifelong resident of Philadelphia, where he was engaged in the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods. At the outbreak of the Civil war he entered the army as a drummer boy with a Pennsylvania regiment, and fought until the close of hostilities. He received successive promotions and was honorably discharged with the rank of captain. His wife was a native of Philadelphia, where her death occurred. Through his maternal connections Rev. Logan is a distant relative of Sir James Thompson, M. D., who was a surgeon in the British Royal Navy, and to whom a monument was erected in Belfast, Ireland.

Robert Lee Logan attended the public schools of Philadelphia, graduating from the Central high school in 1912. He entered Lafayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania, and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1916. In the fall of 1916, he enrolled as a student in the Graduate College of Princeton University and also Princeton Theological Seminary. On June 6, 1918, he was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., in order to be able to accept an appointment as chaplain in the United States Army, and he served in that capacity at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky, until the close of the war, being honorably discharged from service on December 10, 1918. In the following January, he returned to Princeton University Graduate College, from which he was graduated that spring, and also from Princeton Theological Seminary. His first pastorate was that of the First Presbyterian Church of Frenchtown, New Jersey, which he served from May 13, 1919, until May 15, 1921, when he resigned in order to accept a call to the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church of Quincy, Illinois,

where he remained from June 1, 1921, to May 29, 1929, coming then to the Second Presbyterian Church of Peoria, where he is doing splendid and appreciated work. He is an able and forceful preacher, a devoted and efficient pastor and a loyal and public spirited citizen, who has become a powerful factor for righteousness in this community.

On April 6, 1920, in Princeton, New Jersey, Rev. Logan was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Phillips Schenck, a native of Princeton and a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Phillips) Schenck. Her father, who is a retired farmer, has always lived in Princeton, his family being descended from ancestors who settled there on land deeded to them by Thomas Penn in the early seventeenth century. He graduated from Princeton University in 1880. While a student he was the catcher for the varsity baseball team, of which Walter S. Horton, of Peoria, Illinois, was the pitcher, and they made the remarkable record of not losing a game for two years. Mr. Schenck was an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Princeton, and served in that capacity with Woodrow Wilson while the latter was a resident of that city. His wife also is a native of and has always lived in Princeton, where her family were prominent in the Revolutionary war and in the life of Princeton University. Mrs. Logan has two brothers, namely: Phillips, who graduated from Princeton, with the degree of Mining Engineer, in 1911, and is now practicing his profession in Peru; and Alexander, who is practicing law in Newark, New Jersey. He was the valedictorian of the class of 1913 at Princeton, the last class over which Woodrow Wilson presided as president of the university. Mrs. Logan graduated from Smith College, at Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1917, and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Quincy, Illinois, and of the Women's College Club of Peoria. Rev. and Mrs. Logan are the parents of three children, namely: James Phillips, born at Frenchtown, New Jersey, April 27, 1921; Elizabeth Jane, born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1922; and William Herbert, born in Quincy, Illinois, May 22, 1924.

In his political alignment Rev. Logan is nominally a republican, but is an independent voter. He holds membership in Bodley Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., at Quincy; Quincy Consistory, A. A.

S. R.; and Peoria Post, No. 2, A. L. He also belongs to the University Club. He enjoys the game of golf and is very popular among his associates. He is a friend to all men and his ministry is carried far beyond the walls of the edifice in which he preaches. He is recognized as a power for morality and righteousness and is one of Peoria's most valuable citizens.

WAYNE R. WALKER, M. D.

Though one of the younger members of the medical profession in Pekin, Dr. Wayne R. Walker has earned the unreserved confidence of the people of the community, who have found him to be safe and dependable in his treatment of human ailments. He was born in Vienna, Johnson county, Illinois, October 23, 1897, and is a son of Dr. Hartley W. and Mary (Rose) Walker. His father also was born in Vienna, Illinois, where he has spent his life, being now engaged in the practice of medicine. He is a graduate of the Baltimore Medical College, now the medical department of the University of Maryland, from which he received his diploma in 1895. During the late war he served on the examining board, and was also a member of the national board of examiners. He is a republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a son of William Pullen and Sarah (Gillespie) Walker, both of whom were born in Vienna, Illinois, where their deaths occurred, the father dying in February, 1929. He followed the occupation of farming and gave his political support to the republican party. Mary (Rose) Walker, who was born in and is still a resident of Vienna, is a daughter of Pleasant Worthington and Elizabeth (Farris) Rose, both of whom were born in and are still residing in Vienna. Her father, who is a retired farmer, is a republican in his political views and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Wayne R. Walker graduated from the Carbondale high school in 1917, after which he was a student for three years in Northwestern University, at Evanston, Illinois. He matriculated in the school of medicine of Loyola University, in Chicago, from which he graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in

1926. He served one year as interne in the Louisiana Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, after which he came to Pekin and entered upon the practice of his profession January 1, 1928. He conducts a general practice in medicine and surgery, in both of which he is highly skilled.

In 1926, in Chicago, Dr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Graham, who was born in Minnesota and is a daughter of Mrs. William G. Baker, of St. Paul, Minnesota. She was educated in the public and normal schools of Minnesota, is a graduate of the Illinois Training School for Nurses and the Cook County Hospital, Chicago, and did nursing in that city prior to her marriage. She is a member of the Lutheran Church. Dr. and Mrs. Walker are the parents of a son, Wayne Graham Walker, born November 4, 1928.

Dr. Walker is a member of Vienna Lodge, No. 150, A. F. & A. M.; also the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Sigma Nu fraternity of Northwestern University, the Phi Beta Pi fraternity of Loyola University, and the Pekin Association of Commerce. He belongs to the Tazewell County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. The republican party receives his support and he is ready to cooperate in all movements for the betterment of the community along material, civic or moral lines.

HUGH STEPHENS WESTON

Hugh S. Weston, comptroller of the city of Peoria, has had many years of practical experience in public financial affairs, and came to his present position with unusual qualifications. He was born in Peoria, July 6, 1869, and is a son of Rev. John and Alice (Stephens) Weston. His grandfather, John Weston, a native of Scotland, was a railroad contractor, having built a number of the bridges on the original main line of the Illinois Central Railroad. Rev. John Weston was born in Scotland and died in Peoria. He was a minister of the Presbyterian Church and served as pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church in this city for thirty-five years. He was a veteran of the Civil war and

supported the republican party. Alice (Stephens) Weston was born in New Jersey and died in Peoria.

Hugh S. Weston attended the public and high schools of Peoria, and Toulon Academy, at Toulon, Illinois, then entered Knox College, at Galesburg, Illinois, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1892. He taught school for ten years, three years of this time in the Peoria high school, and was afterwards principal of the high school at Jacksonville, Illinois. For a number of years he served as the state representative for the educational department of the MacMillan Company, of New York city, and later was a salesman for H. T. Holtz & Company, of Chicago, dealers in bonds, until 1913. Then on the formation of the progressive party, he took an active part in its organization in Peoria and Peoria county, and as a reward for that activity, after the election of Governor Edward Dunne, he was appointed an assistant commissioner, with the Illinois State Public Utilities Commission, in which capacity he served about nine years. During 1922 he was appointed to a position in the treasurer's office of the United States shipping board at Washington, D. C., in which position he had charge of collections. Some three years later he was appointed a national bank receiver by the Comptroller of the Currency in the Treasury Department at Washington. He continued in that line of work until returning to Peoria, in June, 1929, when he received appointment as city comptroller, in which position he is rendering valuable service to his community.

On December 25, 1895, in Galesburg, Illinois, Mr. Weston was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Tait, a native of Galesburg and a daughter of Dr. William F. and Rhoda Tait, both now deceased. The Doctor practiced medicine in Galesburg for a number of years and was a veteran of the Civil war. Mrs. Weston received a good education, having graduated from Knox College, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. She is a member of the As-You-Like-It Club and Mothers' Club of Peoria. Mr. and Mrs. Weston have four children. John W., a salesman for Scott, Foresman & Company, an educational publishing house of Chicago, married Miss Mildred Gutil, of Cleveland, Ohio, and they have a daughter, Margaret Ann. Margaret R. is the wife of Nathan

Holmes, of Moline, Illinois. Albert H., is a junior in Bradley Polytechnic Institute. Mary A. is a senior in the Peoria high school.

Mr. Weston is an ardent republican in politics and, as previously indicated, has long been active in public affairs. He and his wife are members of the Calvary Presbyterian Church. During the late war Mr. Weston was a member of the local Council of Defense, in which capacity he rendered effective service. Candid and straightforward in manner, he easily wins friends, and throughout the wide range of his acquaintance commands the highest measure of respect and confidence.

CASPER FREDERIC SALM

Among the wide-awake and progressive business men of Peoria stands Casper F. Salm, vice president of the Dorthel Coal Company and sales manager of the Republic Coal and Coke Company, who has attained a substantial success through his business ability and honorable methods. He was born in the city in which he now resides on the 3d of March, 1889, and is a son of Casper Phillip and Wilhelmina (Rieck) Salm. His paternal grandparents, Casper Phillip and Laura (Seaner) Salm, were natives of Germany, and both died in Peoria, where they located after a long and tempestuous voyage across the Atlantic in a sailing vessel. Casper Phillip and Laura Salm were the parents of Casper Phillip Salm, who was born in Peoria, March 17, 1858, and are still living in this city, Mr. Salm being retired from active pursuits. He is a democrat in politics and an adherent of the Lutheran Church. His wife was born in Germany, June 10, 1866, and is a daughter of Frederick and Louisa (Stubbe) Rieck, both of whom were natives of Germany, whence they came to Peoria, where their deaths occurred. Mr. Rieck was a cattle dealer.

Casper F. Salm attended the public schools of Peoria and then became a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company, later advancing to the position of telegraph operator, in which capacity he was employed in the Western Union office in Peoria until 1910. During the following six years he was a trav-

eling salesman for the Jones & Adams Coal Company, and in 1916 was made sales manager. In 1919 that company was absorbed by the Republic Coal and Coke Company, of which also he was made sales manager, which position he is still filling in a capable and satisfactory manner. He is also vice president of the Dorthel Coal Company, of Peoria, which operates three mines in Peoria and Fulton counties.

On June 25, 1924, in Chicago, Mr. Salm married Miss Amelia Walsh, a native of Peoria and a daughter of James E. and Mary (McGrath) Walsh. Mr. Walsh, who was circuit court clerk and county recorder of Peoria for a number of years, is deceased, and his widow still resides in this city. Mrs. Salm was educated in the public schools and Sacred Heart Academy of Peoria. Mr. Salm is a staunch supporter of the republican party. He is a Mason, belonging to Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and he is a life member of Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E. He also belongs to the United Commercial Travelers Association, the Peoria Association of Commerce, the Creve Coeur Club, the Optimist Club, the Country Club of Peoria and the Illinois Valley Yacht Club, and the Hamilton Club of Chicago. He is interested in everything which relates to the welfare and prosperity of his city and county and may always be counted upon to support those activities which contribute to the public good.

CANTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce is one of the most important factors in the commercial welfare and civic progress of Canton. It was organized in February, 1925, and is the outgrowth of the old Commercial Club. The organization has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth, now having one hundred and forty members. It is alert to the needs of Canton, accomplishing much in the way of aiding old business interests and encouraging new ones. It has a large and well arranged office with a rest room and a sitting room for the public. The Chamber maintains a tourists' bureau

and a buyers' library and it works in fullest cooperation with other commercial organizations of this city. The officers are constant and effective boosters for their community and county. This Chamber is a member of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America. Its present officers and directors are as follows: P. P. Anderson, president; B. M. Chipperfield, first vice president; Fred Soldwell, second vice president; William Luker, treasurer; W. C. Gullett, managing secretary; directors, P. P. Anderson, B. M. Chipperfield, Fred Soldwell, William Luker, Roy W. Budd, Adam Condo, R. W. Hyndman, J. E. Hartstirn, Roy M. McCartney, John R. Orendorff, George W. Powell, and L. P. Shepherd.

MILTON E. BLANCHARD, M. D.

Actuated at all times by a keen sense of duty and honor and possessed of ability of a high order, Dr. Milton E. Blanchard won a place of distinction in his profession, which he followed for five decades in Marseilles, and was one of the best known medical practitioners in northern Illinois. Born in Brookfield township, La Salle county, this state, on the 30th of September, 1852, he was a son of Psalter S. and Phoebe (Throop) Blanchard, who were married in Rochester, New York. The mother was born June 14, 1816, a daughter of James Throop, who was a native of Genesee county, New York, and devoted his energies to the occupation of farming. Psalter S. Blanchard was born near Rochester, New York, October 18, 1800, and also made agricultural pursuits his life work. In 1847 he journeyed westward to Illinois, purchasing a farm on section 16, Brookfield township, La Salle county, and remained active in the cultivation and improvement of that property until his death on the 14th of March, 1868. In his family there were nine children: Adelaide L., Elizabeth, Emily, James S., Alba S., Achsah M., Milton E., Eunice L., and David E.

Spending the days of his boyhood upon his father's farm, Dr. Blanchard attended the district school and during vacation periods aided in the work of tilling the soil. He remained at

home until he reached the age of seventeen and then went to Remington, Indiana, where he obtained employment in the office of a grain dealer, with whom he continued for about four years. Studious, ambitious and energetic, he determined to secure a good education and during the period from 1873 until 1876 was engaged in teaching. He then joined his brother Alba in the conduct of a drug store at Cornell, Illinois, and in September, 1876, matriculated in the Cincinnati Medical College, which he attended for two years. He located for practice in Norway, La Salle county, but left there in September, 1877, to reenter college and won his M. D. degree on the 22d of January, 1878. Returning to Norway, Dr. Blanchard resumed the work of his profession and maintained an office there until June, 1880, when he removed to Marseilles, where he practiced successfully for fifty years. During 1893-4 he took a post-graduate course in Rush Medical College and while in Chicago was made assistant professor in the clinic chair of gynecology. In addition to caring for his extensive practice, he was local surgeon for the Rock Island Railroad and also for the Pacific Railway Company, acting in that capacity from 1890 until his death in November, 1929, at the age of seventy-seven years. His knowledge of medical science was comprehensive and exact, and his work as a practitioner was ever characterized by sureness, precision and skill. Cheerful, sympathetic and kindly, his visits had a most beneficial effect upon his patients, who regarded him as a valued friend and counselor, as well as a highly capable physician.

On the 7th of November, 1874, Dr. Blanchard was married to Miss Ella M. Bartlett, a daughter of Charles E. and Maria S. (Virgil) Bartlett. Mrs. Blanchard was born in Naperville, Illinois, November 16, 1858, and passed away in 1914. She had become the mother of four children: Florence, Vivian M., Alpha M. and John. In 1914 Dr. Blanchard wedded Mrs. Jennie Demott, the widow of Dr. John J. Demott, who was a native of New Jersey. Mrs. Blanchard survives her husband and occupies the family residence in Marseilles.

The Doctor was prominently identified with local business affairs as the proprietor of a large drug store and was the owner of one of the finest business blocks in the town. At all times he

evinced a deep interest in matters affecting its development and prosperity and cooperated in every measure for the general good. In politics he was a democrat of the Jeffersonian type and in 1892 was elected on that ticket to the office of county coroner, which he filled with credit to the county and honor to himself. A Mason in high standing, with the exception of one year, he served continuously as an officer of Marseilles Lodge, No. 417, A. F. & A. M., for a period of eighteen years. He was chosen worshipful master and high priest of Shabbona Chapter, R. A. M., at Ottawa and also belonged to Ottawa Commandery, No. 10, K. T., to the Consistory at Chicago, to Medinah Temple of the Mystic Shrine in that city, and was a thirty-third degree Mason. He was a life member and one of the directors of the Masonic Home. His professional connections were with La Salle County Medical Society and the Illinois State Medical Society. His powers and talents were devoted to the service of humanity and his was a successful career in the fullest and best sense of the term. A man of high purpose and ideals, Dr. Blanchard was esteemed, admired and respected by all who knew him and left to his family the priceless heritage of an honored name.

PETER HEIJE POPPENS, M. D.

For the past ten years Dr. Peter H. Poppens has occupied a place in the front rank of the able and skilled physicians of Princeton, where he enjoys a large and remunerative practice. He was born on a farm near Davis, Lincoln county, South Dakota, on the 29th of December, 1891, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Heije Poppens, who were natives of Germany. The father was a farmer and on coming to the United States located on a farm in South Dakota, of which state he was a pioneer.

Peter H. Poppens, who is one of a large family of children, attended the common schools of his home neighborhood and an academy at Canton, South Dakota. He taught school for four years, after which he attended Huron College in South Dakota for two years and the University of Chicago for two years. He then matriculated in Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which

he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He served as interne in the Presbyterian Hospital of Chicago, and as an assistant resident physician of that institution and later he took post-graduate work in bacteriology at the University of Chicago. He came to Princeton in 1920 and in addition to his extensive practice, is a member of the medical staff of the Julia Rackley Perry Hospital of Princeton, and also on the hospital advisory board.

Dr. Poppens was united in marriage to Miss Anna Plucker, of Lincoln county, South Dakota, and they are the parents of four children, Esther, Raymond, Arthur and Eleanor. He is a republican in his political alignment and is a member and trustee of the Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the Students Army Training Corps while in the University of Chicago during the late war, and is a member of the American Legion. He is affiliated with the Princeton Medical Club, the Bureau County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Since coming to Princeton the Doctor has demonstrated his ability as a skilled physician and surgeon, and also that he is well endowed with those qualities which constitute good citizenship, so that he is deservedly held in high regard throughout the community.

BERNARD E. WRIGLEY

Bernard E. Wrigley, who conducts a prosperous business as a grain dealer, with offices at 330 South Washington street, Peoria, has had many years of practical experience in this line and is known as a capable and reliable man. He was born at Trivoli, Peoria county, Illinois, November 5, 1892, and is a son of Everett and Anna (Walford) Wrigley. In the paternal line he is of English descent, his great-grandfather, Robert Wrigley, having been a native of England. He came to this country many years ago and here followed farming, retiring however sometime prior to his death, which occurred at Peoria at the age of ninety-two years. He was the father of Joseph Wrigley, who was born in Peoria county, June 14, 1841, and died in the city of Peoria in 1926. He was a farmer and a man of prominence

in his community. He was a veteran of the Civil war, was with General Sherman on the historic march from Atlanta to the sea, and was later wounded and sent home. He resided in Peoria for thirty-six years. He married Sarah Fenton, who was born in Trivoli, this state, in 1842, and there died in 1895. Joseph and Sarah Wrigley were the parents of Everett Wrigley, who was born at Texas Prairie, Illinois, June 11, 1866, and is now living in Peoria. He engaged in contracting and building for many years, but is now retired. He is a republican in politics and is a member of the Congregational Church. Anna Walford Wrigley was born in Rosefield township, Peoria county, September 8, 1868, and died in Peoria August 8, 1927. She was a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Armstrong) Walford. Her father was born in England in 1837, devoted his active years to agricultural pursuits, and died in Trivoli, this state, in 1919. His wife was born in Farmington, Illinois, in August, 1841, and is now living in Peoria.

Bernard E. Wrigley graduated from the Peoria high school in 1912, after which he entered the employ of P. B. & C. C. Miles, grain dealers, as a bookkeeper, in which capacity he served for seven years. He was then made assistant manager of the Cleveland Grain Company, and two years later accepted the management of the grain business of G. C. McFadden, with whom he remained two years. He was then made vice president of the S. C. Bartlett Company, grain dealers, retaining that position for five years, and in 1928 he engaged in the grain business on his own account and under his own name. He buys and sells grain and, with the advantage of his previous experience, is meeting with a very gratifying measure of success. He is president of the Peoria Board of Trade and is also managing director of the Federal Grain Elevators, Inc.

On July 5, 1916, in Joliet, Illinois, Mr. Wrigley was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Benham, who was born in that city, September 16, 1893, and is a daughter of Harry and Mabel (Smith) Benham. Her father, a native of New York, was an artist by profession, and is deceased, while her mother, who was born in New York state, lives in Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Wrigley is a graduate of the Joliet high school and is a member of the

Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Wrigley are the parents of three children. Bernard Everett, Jr., born October 31, 1917; Benham Robert, born March 14, 1919, and Margery Louise, born December 12, 1924.

Mr. Wrigley supports the republican party, and he and his wife are members of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, in which he is serving as a member of the vestry and has been superintendent of the Sunday school for the past fifteen years. During the World war he took a prominent part in all local war activities, including the various drives, and was for three years a member of the Home Guards. He is greatly interested in boys' welfare work and was for three years Boy Scout commissioner. He belongs to the Illinois Grain Dealers' Association and the National Grain Dealers' Association. He is a man of high ideals in business and civic life, has stood aligned with the moral and progressive elements of the community and is recognized as one of Peoria's sterling and useful citizens.

FREDERICK DANIEL WALKER

One of the best known and most popular musicians in the Illinois River Valley is Frederick D. Walker, now director of the famous P. & O. Band, of Canton, which has been in continuous existence for nearly eighty years and has long held a leading place among the bands of the middle west. Mr. Walker has been the director for eighteen years, embracing two periods of service, and it is very largely due to his splendid work that the band has attained its present degree of perfection in rendering both marching and concert music. Mr. Walker was born in Canton, September 7, 1874, and is a son of Daniel Webster and Martha Elizabeth (Walter) Walker. The family is of English descent and Edward Walker, a direct ancestor of Frederick D. Walker, was knighted by King Edward of England. There have been many Edwards in the family and that name was borne by the grandfather of F. D. Walker, who married a Miss Newhall, of Scotch descent.

Daniel W. Walker was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, May

8, 1835, and in early life came to Illinois, settling in Canton in 1850. He was married to Martha Elizabeth Walters in 1858. He was well educated in music, which he studied in Boston and in various private schools, and he became a leading factor in the development of instrumental and vocal music in Fulton county. He was the organizer of the old Knights of Pythias Band of Canton, which he directed from 1880 to 1890, and he also conducted the rendition of a number of light operas and directed church choirs. He was a fine tenor singer, possessing a voice of unusual quality. His hobby was music and much of his life was devoted to that art. In business he was a merchant and express agent in Canton. He was an active member of the Congregational Church and was intensely interested in the musical part of the religious service. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and during the Civil war he was a member of the Home Guards. A man of sterling personal qualities, he was thorough in everything he undertook, and was genial and kindly in his social relations. He died February 13, 1900, and is buried in Canton. He did not accumulate much wealth, but was comfortably situated, and had a host of loyal friends. His wife was born in Ohio, March 7, 1834, and died in Canton, in March, 1925, at the age of ninety-one years. Her father, Dr. Walter, was a native of Ohio and became one of the pioneer physicians of Fulton county. Mrs. Walker was a home-lover, her greatest interest being in her family and home. She was an active member of the Congregational Church and in her younger years was prominent in the social life of the community.

Frederick D. Walker received his early education in the public schools of Canton, after which he attended the Conservatory of Music of Oberlin College, at Oberlin, Ohio. He then went to Boston, where he received private instruction in music for six years. He left school in 1899 and for three years did orchestra and band directing, touring the country with bands. In 1902 he went to Cherokee, Iowa, where he served as director of the State Hospital Band until 1904, when he went on the road with a dramatic company. On April 10, 1905, he became the director of the famous P. & O. Band, at Canton, Illinois, and led that or-

ganization until 1919, when he resigned and went to Hastings, Nebraska, as director of the Municipal Band. From there he went to Concordia, Kansas, and Arkansas City, Kansas, in which places he directed municipal bands until 1927, when he returned to Canton and has since directed the P. & O. Band. He also has charge of the high school band and the glee clubs and orchestra of the high school and junior high school in addition to which he has many private pupils.

On May 13, 1902, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Mileta Cattron, of Pekin, Illinois, who was born in Valparaiso, Indiana, April 26, 1878, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Cattron. She was educated in Chicago and Boston and is also an accomplished musician, particularly on piano and harp, having done much orchestra work. She is independent in her political views, is a member of the Baptist Church, and belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. She is fond of philosophy and current topics, is a lover of outdoor sports and travel, is widely acquainted in Canton and is extremely popular.

In his political views Mr. Walker maintains an independent attitude, though leaning toward the republican party. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Order of the Eastern Star and the American Federation of Musicians. He is fond of athletics and plays baseball and tennis, also indulges in hunting and fishing in season. He is a man of earnest purpose, of high ideals and unselfish aims, and his record in the art of music has won for him a deservedly high place in the respect of his fellow-men, while as a citizen he has always been public-spirited and patriotic.

CARY E. CLEDDENNY

One of the leading citizens and prominent business men of Baytown, Calhoun county, is Cary E. Clendenny, who has conducted a general mercantile business here for many years and has been rewarded with well merited prosperity. He was born on the 14th of July, 1866, near the line between Pike and Lincoln



MR. AND MRS. CARY E. CLENDENNY

counties, Missouri, and is a son of James W. and Jane (Kitson) Clendenny. His father was a native of Kentucky and his mother of Missouri, their marriage occurring in Missouri. In 1871, when Cary E. was a boy of five years, the family came to Illinois, locating on a farm two miles east of where Mr. Clendenny's store is now located. They crossed the Mississippi river on the ice on the 1st of January. James W. here engaged in farming, in which he was fairly successful, and spent the remaining years of his life here, his death occurring in 1925, at the age of eighty-eight years. His widow, who is eighty-eight years of age, makes her home with a daughter. During the Civil war James W. Clendenny joined the Missouri state militia (Union), and in later years he held various local offices, such as township trustee and member of the school board. He was a republican in his political views and a man of influence in his community. To him and his wife were born ten children, eight of whom are still living, namely: James A., who is in partnership with his brother, Cary E.; John H., who lives on the old home farm; Cary E.; Amos, who owns and operates a farm near Belleview, Calhoun county; Charles, who also is a farmer; Logan, who lives on his farm near Jerseyville; Mrs. Anna Ball; and Mrs. William Thomas.

Cary E. Clendenny received his education in the Fox Creek district school, working on the home farm and attending school until nineteen years of age, when he engaged in the fish business, to which he devoted his attention for five years, selling his fish in St. Louis. During this period he saved three hundred and fifty dollars and in 1892 he opened a general store at Baytown, which he conducted for ten years. He then sold out and turned his attention to farming and cattle breeding. Five years later he formed his present partnership under the name of Clendenny Brothers, his partners being his son Otis and his brother, James A. They carry a large stock, very comprehensive in its list of items, including about everything required by the local trade, and they also buy everything the farmers have to sell. Through their enterprising methods and fair dealing they have not only built up a large and important trade, but are also greatly esteemed by those who deal with them. Mr. Clendenny is vice president of the Bank of Hamburg and is also the owner of val-

uable farm land and orchards. Baytown was formerly a noted landing on the Mississippi river and Mr. Clendenny received his goods from market by the river steamboats, but the river, with the peculiar inconsistency of conduct for which it is noted, is now two miles away and Mr. Clendenny receives his goods by truck. The post office at Baytown is known as Mozier, of which Mr. Clendenny was postmaster for a number of years.

Mr. Clendenny was united in marriage to Miss Celia Pontero, a daughter of Nicodemus Pontero and a native of Calhoun county. In her early childhood her parents took their family back to their native Italy, where they remained a few years and then returned to this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Clendenny have been born thirteen children, namely: Lawrence and Merrill are the owners of a garage at Pleasant Hill; Otis is associated with his father in business; Gilbert conducts a restaurant in Baytown; Leo and Louis are at home; Janette, Carlina, Geneva and Celia May are at home; and Edith, Harry and Franklin died in infancy. Mrs. Clendenny is a member of the Christian Church. Mr. Clendenny is a staunch republican in his political views and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He takes a keen interest in everything relating to the welfare and prosperity of his locality and is regarded as one of its leading citizens. His sons Otis and Merrill are members of the Masonic order, and Otis is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Jerseyville.

S. STANLEY MARSHALL

S. Stanley Marshall, superintendent for the Prudential Life Insurance Company at Peoria, has made an enviable record and is regarded as one of the leading insurance men of the Illinois River Valley. He was born in Blanchester, Clinton county, Ohio, on the 25th of December, 1881, and is a son of M. C. and Sarah (Gregory) Marshall. His father was born in Kentucky, August 4, 1844, and died in Wilmington, Ohio, in November, 1923. He was a farmer and also conducted a retail meat market. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served with the Second Missouri

Cavalry and the Tenth Kentucky Cavalry. He supported the republican party. His wife was born near Wilmington, Ohio, November 30, 1841, and there died May 9, 1929. She was a daughter of James J. and Nancy Gregory, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Ohio, while both died in Wilmington. Mr. Gregory was a farmer and served in the Union Army during the Civil war.

S. Stanley Marshall received his educational training in the public schools of Kentucky and Ohio and in private schools, after which he took a business course in Ohio Normal University at Ada. He was employed as a stenographer and bookkeeper in Chicago, Illinois, and Cincinnati, Ohio, until 1907, when he took a traveling position with the International Correspondence School. Two months later he joined the Prudential Life Insurance Company, going to work in Cincinnati as an agent January 10, 1908. He showed an aptitude for the business which gained for him deserved promotion and in September, 1908, he was made assistant superintendent. He became agency organizer at Paxton, Illinois, in November, 1909, and in June, 1910, was transferred to Bloomington, Illinois. On August 31, 1914, he was appointed superintendent at Joplin, Missouri, where he remained until January 1, 1917, when he was transferred to the superintendency of the general agency at Peoria, which position he is still filling. Here he has made a fine record, his office leading all of the metropolitan offices of the United States and Canada in ordinary insurance.

On June 16, 1906, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mr. Marshall was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Jones, who was born and reared in Cincinnati and is a daughter of Charles and Mary Jones. Her father is deceased and her mother now resides in New York city. Mrs. Marshall graduated from high school in Cincinnati. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are the parents of two children: Grace E., who was born January 20, 1908, is a graduate of the Peoria high school and is now studying art in Bradley College; and H. Kenneth, born January 19, 1910, is a graduate of the Peoria high school and is a freshman in Miami College, at Oxford, Ohio.

Mr. Marshall has always supported the republican party and

he and his wife are members of the First Universalist Church. He is a member of Bloomington (Ill.) Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to the Mount Hawley Country Club and is a past president of the Life Underwriters Association of Peoria. He possesses a fine personality and convincing manner, is energetic and progressive in his methods and honorable in all of his dealings. He has attained success because he has worked hard, and in the business circles of Peoria he commands a high respect for his ability and accomplishments.

HENRY S. WEIDMAN

Henry S. Weidman, treasurer of the Walter G. Causey Company, with which firm he has been connected for twenty-two years, is well known and highly respected in the business circles of Peoria. He was born in Marshall county, Illinois, on the 8th of December, 1861, and is a son of Solomon D. and Mary K. (Hoffman) Weidman. The father was born near Germantown, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1817, and died in Stark county, Illinois, July 27, 1885. He was a farmer by occupation, supported the republican party in politics and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife was born near Springfield, Ohio, September 13, 1831, and died at Lawnridge, Illinois, September 4, 1881.

Henry S. Weidman attended the public schools of Lawnridge, after which he devoted his attention to farming until twenty years of age. Coming to Peoria, he entered the employ of Colburn, Birks & Company, wholesale druggists, as a shipping clerk, and was with them for seventeen years. He was then appointed cashier in the Peoria post office, which position he held for six years, and later was for two years business manager of the Peoria Evening Star. During the two following years he served as deputy collector of internal revenue, and on March 10, 1908, entered the employ of the firm of Callender & Causey, which name was later changed to Walter G. Causey, and finally incorporated as the Walter G. Causey Company, of which he is now treasurer.

By his faithful and capable service for over two decades he has been a real factor in the successful conduct of this business and his splendid record has gained for him the unreserved esteem of all who have been associated with him.

On November 16, 1916, in Lincoln, Illinois, Mr. Weidman was united in marriage to Mrs. Nellie M. (Hakes) Simpson, who was born at West Hallock, Peoria county, Illinois, and is a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Dennis) Hakes, of Peoria, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Weidman was educated in the public schools and Chillicothe high school. By a former marriage Mr. Weidman became the father of three daughters: Ida May, who is the wife of Herbert Cheatham, of Peoria, and has two sons, Charles and Harold; Hattie E., who is the wife of Edward Bootz, of Evansville, Indiana, and has a son, Howard; and Grace, deceased.

Mr. Weidman votes with the republican party and he and his wife are members of the First Congregational Church, of which he is a deacon. He has membership in Peoria Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Com-mandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Consistory; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and likewise belongs to the Peoria Association of Commerce. He stands as an exemplar of the highest type of citizenship, maintaining a constant interest in those things which make for the wellbeing of the community and is numbered among its substantial and dependable citizens.

PEORIA JOURNAL-TRANSCRIPT

One of the leading newspapers of the Illinois River Valley is the Peoria Journal-Transcript, which, though published outside of Fulton county, is the favorite newspaper for the majority of the people of this county. It established an agency in Canton in 1918, with Captain Ambrose as the first correspondent and Menzel Benson as circulation manager. Captain Ambrose was succeeded as correspondent by Edward Downing, after whom came the present correspondent, Mrs. Anna Jane Rauch, whose work has been of a quality which has won her high praise. Before accepting this position, Mrs. Rauch was for four years the Canton

correspondent for the Peoria Star. The Journal-Transcript has the largest newspaper circulation in Fulton county, and prints the most news of any paper published outside of the county. It runs many Fulton county feature stories, gives the general news of city and county in an attractive and interesting style and is very popular throughout the district which it serves. The present circulation agent is Mr. Justice, who has held the position for six years.

JAMES BLAIR DUNHAM, M. D.

Dr. James Blair Dunham, of Wenona, one of the pioneer representatives of the medical fraternity in the Illinois River Valley, has long enjoyed high standing in professional circles and has also won success as a manufacturer in the field of physicians' supplies. He was born October 16, 1854, his parents being John L. and Elizabeth F. Dunham, both of whom were natives of Ohio, the former born near Ripley. John L. Dunham passed away at the age of seventy-one years, and all of the five children born to him and his wife are deceased with the exception of Dr. Dunham of this review.

James B. Dunham supplemented his preliminary educational training by study at the Illinois Wesleyan University of Bloomington and completed his preparation for a professional career in Chicago, where the M. D. degree was conferred upon him. He has been engaged in practice at Wenona and his patronage has constantly increased in volume and importance as he has demonstrated his skill in coping with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life. Moreover, he has created a business of nationwide scope through a patent which he obtained on an item used by doctors in the care of infants after birth. He manufactures the article and sells it to firms dealing in physicians' supplies. The business has grown phenomenally and is a baby industry in more ways than one. Dr. Dunham has ever held to the highest standards and ethics of the medical profession, is unfaltering in his devotion to duty and his activity has been of signal useful-

ness to his fellowmen, at the same time winning for him the confidence and good will of colleagues and contemporaries, as well as of the general public.

The first wife of Dr. Dunham, who in her maidenhood was Alice Gallaway, passed away in 1882. Seven years later, in 1889, Dr. Dunham wedded Mary Cohen, who is also deceased. In the year 1923 he was united in marriage to Miss Ida Burlingame, a teacher in the primary schools. The Doctor has one son, Claire A. Dunham, born of his second marriage, who now holds a responsible position with the Chicago brokerage firm of Otis & Company. The son is a World war veteran, having served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France for eighteen months.

The religious faith of Dr. Dunham is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian Church, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Masonic order. Though past the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he is still an active factor in the world's work and well merits the high regard and esteem in which he is uniformly held.

MRS. ANNA JANE (HILL) RAUCH

One of Canton's best known and most popular women is Mrs. Anna Jane (Hill) Rauch, who has long been prominent in the civic, social and religious circles of this city. She was born in Canton, Fulton county, on the 21st of May, 1885, and is a daughter of G. Leo and Harriett E. (Johnson) Hill. Her ancestors, who were of English descent and were directly related to James J. Hill, the noted railroad builder, came to Illinois from Pennsylvania. G. Leo Hill, who was born on May 1, 1862, was a member of one of Fulton county's pioneer families. His father, George Hill, a farmer by occupation, was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served as bugler in the One Hundred and Seventh Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded in battle. G. Leo Hill followed the grocery business during his active life and was prominent in the commercial circles of Canton. He was a republican in his political views and was an earnest member

of the Christian Church. His death occurred July 3, 1918. On July 2, 1884, he married Miss Harriett E. Johnson, who was born on July 1, 1865, and died in October, 1893. In 1900 he married Mrs. Almeda Rauch, who is the mother of Frederick D. Rauch and who is still a resident of Canton.

Anna Jane Hill lived in Canton until she was eight years old, when her mother died, after which she moved to Knoxville, Illinois, where she resided until fifteen years old, when she returned to her native city, where she has lived continuously since. She was educated in the grade schools of Knoxville and Canton and attended the high school at the latter place three years. On July 2, 1903, she became the wife of Frederick D. Rauch, who was born in Fulton county, Illinois, February 17, 1882, the son of Samuel and Almeda (Burgess) Rauch, and for the past twenty-three years has been successfully engaged in the cement contracting business in Canton. He is an active member of the Church of the Disciples of Christ and a staunch supporter of those things which contribute to the general welfare of the community. He gives his political support to the democratic party and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A man of sterling character and genial disposition, he has a host of warm friends throughout this city and county. Mr. and Mrs. Rauch are the parents of a son, Bernerd, who was born on February 8, 1905, and is now connected with the W. W. Kimball Radio Company, of Peoria, Illinois. He graduated from the Canton high school in 1924 and attended Bradley University for two and a half years. He is a member of the Christian Church and a young man of excellent habits. On September 2, 1928, he was married to Miss Helen J. Harder, who was born February 12, 1905, and is a daughter of Robert and Nellie Harder. She graduated from the Macomb (Ill.) high school and the Western Normal School at Macomb, after which she taught school prior to her marriage. They have a son, Robert Frederick, born June 6, 1930.

Mrs. Rauch has long been an active figure in religious affairs in Canton and Fulton county. She is a member of the Church of the Disciples of Christ, has been a Sunday school teacher for ten years, and secretary of the Fulton County Council of Religious Education. She gives her political support to the republican party

and is greatly interested in public affairs. She is a member and a past noble grand of the Daughters of Rebekah and belongs to the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Canton Women's Club. She is a lover of outdoor life and athletics and is particularly fond of basketball. She enjoys travel and has spent one winter in Florida with her husband. A book lover, she is a constant and studious reader of educational works, history and the best magazines. She is interested in the things worth while, is a woman of intellectual gifts and social graces, a tactful hostess and is extremely popular in social circles.

FRED E. MAPLE

Fred E. Maple, proprietor of the Maple Motor Company, at 2216 South Adams street, Peoria, has been very successful in handling the Hupmobile and DeSoto cars and is regarded as one of the city's most reliable business men. Born in Adrian, Bates county, Missouri, on the 10th of December, 1889, he is a son of Abraham and Jane (Batton) Maple. The paternal grandfather, Isaac Maple, was a native of Ohio, followed the occupation of farming, and died in Peoria county, Illinois. He married Mary Fuller, who also was born in the old Buckeye state and died in Peoria county. Abraham Maple, who was born in Ohio in 1830, followed farming in Peoria county, and here his death occurred. He fought in the Union Army during the Civil war, gave his political support to the democratic party and he and his wife were members of the Baptist Church.

Fred E. Maple attended the public schools, graduating from the high school at Glasford, Illinois, in 1908, and was a student in Bradley College for two years. He was employed as an architectural draftsman for the Concrete Construction Company of Peoria for four years, or until 1916, when he engaged in business at his present location, under the name of the Maple Motor Company. In handling the Hupmobile and DeSoto cars he has been remarkably successful, due to the merits of the cars themselves, as well as his up-to-date, tactful and fair methods. He is also a director of the South Side Loan and Homestead Associa-

tion and a director and secretary of the South Side Funeral Home.

On March 10, 1915, Mr. Maple was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Schildwachter, a native of Peoria and a daughter of Valentine and Mary (Vohland) Schildwachter, who are natives of Germany and are living in Peoria. Mrs. Maple was educated in the public schools and Brown's Business College, and prior to her marriage was associated with Joseph Zold & Son, as a department manager. She is a member of St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Maple are the parents of a son, Donald Frederick, born July 23, 1927. Mr. Maple is nominally a democrat but is an independent voter, and his religious membership is with the First Baptist Church. He belongs to the Creve Coeur Club and the Mt. Hawley Country Club, and has always taken a keen interest in the various movements in which the community is engaged, notably during the late war, when he gave hearty support to the various Liberty Loan drives. He is an able and prosperous business man, whose activities have been directed along right lines and in accordance with correct principles, so that he has won and retains the respect of the community.

MRS. ETTA Z. (JOHNSON) LANGSTAFF

One of the well known and capable newspaper correspondents of the Illinois River Valley is Mrs. Etta Z. Langstaff, who is the news representative of the Peoria Star in Canton and Fulton county, in which district the fine work which she is doing is greatly appreciated. She was born in Bryant, Fulton county, on the 15th of August, 1888, and is a daughter of Robert S. and Jennie M. (Newton) Johnson. The Johnson family is of Holland Dutch stock and was established in this country in a very early day. Her paternal grandfather, Robert Johnson, was a native of Pennsylvania, and two of his brothers, Abram and Charles Johnson, were veterans of the Civil war, the former having served as a private in the One Hundred and Third Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Robert S. Johnson was born in Pennsylvania, October 18, 1854, and was brought to Illinois in 1857. He learned the carpenter trade, which he followed throughout his active life,

but is now retired and lives at Farmington, Illinois. He is an ardent republican in politics and his religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. On October 18, 1887, at Bryant, Illinois, he married Miss Jennie M. Newton, who was born at that place, September 4, 1867, a daughter of John A. and Abigail Newton. Her father, who was a farmer, served in a Pennsylvania regiment during the Civil war. Mrs. Johnson, who died July 7, 1916, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, belonged to the Royal Neighbors and was active in social affairs. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born three children: Etta Z. is the eldest. Roscoe L., born June 2, 1892, was drafted for service in the World war and was aboard the ill-fated transport Otronto, which was sunk off the coast of Scotland. His body was sent home for burial August 22, 1919. Vivian L., born July 6, 1903, was married November 5, 1924, to Ross E. Jackson, a lumberman of Farmington, Illinois. Mrs. Jackson is correspondent for the Peoria Star at Farmington, and the worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star at that place. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are the parents of a son, Billy Bob, born January 10, 1926.

Etta Z. Johnson was educated in the grade schools of Cuba, Illinois, and had three and three-quarters years of work in the Cuba high school. She then entered the Harmison Business College at Canton, from which she was graduated on completing the general commercial course. She entered the employ of the Union Tea Company and in 1911 was appointed postmaster at Bryant, but resigned that position to become correspondent from the Cuba district of the Canton Register. Later she worked for the Register in Cuba, St. David and Farmington, and afterward joined the news staff of the Peoria Star, first in Farmington, and later in Canton, where she still holds that position, the duties of which she discharges in a very able and satisfactory manner.

On November 22, 1919, Miss Johnson became the wife of Harry B. Langstaff, of Canton, Illinois, the son of George and Mary (Maxwell) Langstaff. Mr. and Mrs. Langstaff are the parents of a daughter, Haryetta Vivian, born June 7, 1921. Mrs. Langstaff takes a keen interest in political affairs, and leans towards the republican party in national elections, maintaining an independent attitude in local elections. She is a member of

the Christian Church and belongs to the Daughters of Rebekah and the American Legion Auxiliary. Although her chief interest is in her newspaper work, she is fond of athletics, and outdoor sports, particularly baseball. She is a reader of educational works and papers, is a close student of human nature, and is very highly regarded by all who know her. She is a good manager and owns land in Fulton county.

LOUIS E. KAUFFMAN

Louis E. Kauffman, conducting business under the name of the Kauffman Coal Company, is developing one of the leading coal concerns of Peoria, with a well equipped plant at the foot of East State street. He was born on the 4th of December, 1893, in Peoria, and is a son of Lawrence L. and Eugenia (Fisher) Kauffman, natives of Alsace-Lorraine, the father born August 10, 1858, and the mother December 18, 1868. They are still residing in Peoria, where Mr. Kauffman has been in the employ of the Rock Island Railroad for fifteen years as a night detective. He is a democrat in politics and an adherent of the Roman Catholic Church. Mrs. Kauffman is a daughter of Michael and Monica (Heitter) Fisher, who were born in Alsace-Lorraine, and died in Peoria, where Mr. Fisher was employed as a machinist.

Louis E. Kauffman attended the public schools of Peoria and graduated from Brown's Business College. He went to work in the Nichols drug store as bookkeeper, which position he held until December, 1911, when he entered the employ of the Jones & Adams Coal Company, first acting as car clerk, then bookkeeper and later as a salesman, serving in the latter position until the company was liquidated in 1915, and the Republic Coal and Coke Company was formed. Mr. Kauffman was associated with the latter until April, 1928, when he engaged in the retail coal business under the firm name of the Kauffman Coal Company, of which he is the sole proprietor.

On June 29, 1921, in Peoria, Mr. Kauffman was united in marriage to Miss Agnes M. McGann, a native of Peoria and a daughter of Patrick and Bridget (Lavin) McGann, who were

born in Ireland and are now residents of Peoria, where Mr. McGann is connected with the Caterpillar Tractor Company. Mrs. Kauffman is a graduate of St. John's parochial school and belongs to the American Legion Auxiliary, the Mother's Club of St. Bernard's Church and St. Joseph's Sodality. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman are the parents of two daughters, Eileen Mary, born May 27, 1923, and Lois Jean, born July 10, 1925.

In his political alignment Mr. Kauffman is a republican and in religion he and his wife are members of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Kauffman belongs to Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E.; Spalding Council, No. 427, K. C.; the American Legion, the Forty and Eight, and the Cosmopolitan Club of Peoria, of which he is president. He is a veteran of the World war, having enlisted July 30, 1918. He went into training at Syracuse, New York, and was transferred to the Army Reserve Depot at New Cumberland, Cumberland county, Maryland. He was honorably discharged at that place, with the rank of sergeant first class. He is a good citizen, giving his support to those things which contribute to the welfare of the community, and is greatly respected for his business ability and success and his sterling personal qualities.

LEWEN RUSSELL NELSON

Lewen R. Nelson, president of the L. R. Nelson Manufacturing Company, Inc., is one of Peoria's prominent business men, having attained notable success in the manufacture and sale of patented hose couplers, lawn sprinklers and other articles. He was born on a farm near Princeville, Peoria county on the 28th of April, 1879, and is a son of Philip M. and Clara Anna (Russell) Nelson. His paternal grandfather, John Nelson, was born in New Jersey in 1817 and died in 1886. He came to Illinois in 1842 and located at Southport, where he engaged in farming and stock raising. Philip M. Nelson was born at Southport in May, 1849. Soon after his birth his family moved to a farm near Monica, Illinois, where he lived until 1881, when he moved to Princeville, where he opened a general store, which he conducted until 1887.

In 1894 he went to Boulder, Colorado, where he successfully engaged in the real estate business, which he carried on until 1922, when he retired. He still resides in Boulder, at the age of eighty years. In 1876 he attended the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He married Miss Clara Anna Russell, who died in March, 1888. She was a daughter of Ebenezer and Edith Russell, and was born on a farm near Princeville, Illinois, in 1854. Her parents came from Ohio to Illinois in a covered wagon, settling near Princeville in 1840, where he engaged in farming and he had one of the first blacksmith shops in that section of the state. He was born in 1811 and died in 1895. To him and his wife were born thirteen children. One of the sons, James, served in the Civil war and was wounded, while another son, Emery, served throughout the period of the war, and still another son, Joseph, served in the latter part of the war.

To Philip M. and Clara A. Nelson were born four children: Ethel, who was born in 1878, and died in 1902; Leo, who was born April 1, 1881, and died in 1901, while a student in the University of Colorado; Edna, who died in 1888; and Lewen R. For his second wife, Philip M. Nelson chose Miss Alma Hoag, whom he married June 4, 1889. Her parents, who are deceased, were very early settlers near Princeville. To this marriage three children were born, but the first two died in infancy and Norris, born November 26, 1892, died while serving in the World war in France during the influenza epidemic of 1918. He was a graduate of the University of Colorado and became sergeant in the American Army.

Lewen R. Nelson attended the public schools of Princeville and the high school at Boulder, Colorado. For a short time he was engaged in business in Boulder and for five years operated a ranch near that city. While a resident of Colorado he devised and patented a lawn hose coupling, which proved very successful. Owing to its large and growing sales, it became necessary for Mr. Nelson to form eastern connections and to that end he came to Peoria in 1907. During the ensuing years he brought out other patented articles. At that time his goods were made by Peoria factories, but in 1911 Mr. Nelson established his first factory, under the name of the Central Brass and Stamping Com-

pany. The business was conducted under that style until 1922, when it was reorganized under the name of the L. R. Nelson Manufacturing Company, Inc. The company makes a complete line of lawn sprinklers and equipment, and has the largest factory in the world devoted exclusively to the manufacture of this class of goods. It has a frontage of two hundred feet at 1725 South Washington street, Peoria, is two stories high, is equipped with the most improved machinery and gives steady employment to from one hundred to one hundred and fifty men. The goods are shipped to all parts of this country and to all foreign countries where lawn sprinklers and equipment are used.

Mr. Nelson was married September 17, 1902, to Miss Inez Baldwin, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Ethelmae, born September 18, 1904, is a graduate of the Girls' Collegiate School near Los Angeles, California, and has had two years at Bradley Polytechnic Institute. Ruth Alma, born April 4, 1908, is a student in the University of Illinois; and Russell Baldwin, born July 15, 1911, is attending Bradley Polytechnic Institute. Mr. Nelson is a member of the Rotary Club, the Creve Coeur Club and the Mount Holly Country Club. He and his family are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and he is serving on its official board, and also on the finance committee of the Methodist Hospital and the advisory board of the Salvation Army. He takes a keen interest in everything that has for its object the betterment of the community along material, civic or moral lines, is a progressive and practical business man, successful in all of his undertakings, and has gained the unreserved respect of his fellowmen by his straightforward business methods and personal qualities.

PEORIA STAR, AT CANTON, ILLINOIS

The Peoria Star established its news and subscription agency in Canton, Illinois, a number of years ago, with Captain D. L. Ambrose as its first correspondent. In 1921 he was succeeded in that position by Mrs. Anna J. Rauch, who filled it for four years, and after her came Miss Margaret Selby, who served until 1927,

when Mrs. Etta Z. Langstaff became the regular correspondent, and has since performed the duties of that position. She has the instinctive sense for news, so vital to the successful journalist, and she fills about four columns of the *Star* with Canton news daily, while in the Sunday editions she usually has a feature story of Canton, written in her exceedingly interesting style. The *Star* enjoys a large circulation in the Canton district and is steadily growing in popularity. The *Star* office in Canton is in a new building on Chestnut street, where both circulation and news matters are handled for all of Fulton county. Floyd R. Emerick is now the circulation manager of the Canton office.

JACOB KRAEMER

Jacob Kraemer is numbered among those whose business activities have contributed in a definite way to the progress of Peoria, in which city he has successfully engaged in the building business for the past seventeen years. He was born in Miesau, Rhein Pfalz, Germany, on the 18th of November, 1878, and is a son of Carl and Elizabeth (Wagner) Kraemer. His paternal grandparents were Daniel Philip and Elizabeth (Weber) Kraemer, the latter of whom was a native of Germany and died at Miesau, Rhein Pfalz, in that country. Daniel P. Kraemer was born at Elschbacher Hof, Germany, and died at Miesau in 1883, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a farmer by occupation. Carl Kraemer was born at Elschbacher Hof, Germany, on January 30, 1835, and died at Miesau, Rhein Pfalz, on May 15, 1898. He owned a farm of two hundred and twenty acres, as well as a sawmill and grist mill. He was a member of the Reformed Lutheran Church. His wife was born in Miesau, Rhein Pfalz, on May 10, 1845, and died there in December, 1907. She was a daughter of Jacob Wagner, who was born in Miesau, became the owner of a grist mill, and died at the old Wagner homestead on which he had spent his life.

Jacob Kraemer received his educational training in the public and commercial schools of his native land, after which he served a three-year apprenticeship in a dry goods store, for



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which training he had to pay. After serving one year as clerk in a dry goods store, he became a bookkeeper in another dry goods store, which position he held for one year. He then became an apprentice in the lumber business, for which he also had to pay. Then, due to the illness of his father, he, when less than twenty years of age, in association with his brother Daniel, took over his father's business, including the sawmill and grist mill. They managed the concern for seven years and liquidated the estate, after which Mr. Kraemer came to the United States, landing in Chicago on December 17, 1905. He was employed in a planing mill in that city for one year, after which he came to Peoria and secured a position as stock clerk in the wholesale dry goods store of Fisher Brothers. Three years later he was promoted to city salesman, which line of work he followed for three years. In 1913 he resigned and engaged in the building business alone, and has carried it on to the present time, his offices being at 1012 Peoria Life building. He has built many stores and apartment houses and over four hundred residences in Peoria and vicinity and has earned a reputation as a competent and dependable contractor and builder, rendering a quality of work of which he is justifiably proud.

On October 13, 1900, in Germany, Mr. Kraemer was united in marriage to Miss Lena F. Koerber, a native of Strasburg, Germany, and a daughter of Ludwig and Emilie (Wentz) Koerber, both of whom were natives of Germany and died there. The father was director of a government tobacco factory. Mrs. Kraemer graduated from high school in Germany and attended college there. She is a member of the Amateur Music Club, of Peoria. Mr. and Mrs. Kraemer are the parents of two children, as follows: Emilie Hermiene, born in August, 1901, graduated from Knox College, at Galesburg, Illinois, and became the wife of Willis Samuel Ziegler, of Butler, Pennsylvania, and they have a son, Willis Samuel, Jr. Ludwig Carl, the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Kraemer was born on January 12, 1905, graduated from the Peoria high school and Brown's Business College and is associated with his father in the building business.

Politically, Mr. Kraemer is a republican and he and his wife are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He belongs to

Schiller Lodge, No. 335, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and the Knight Templar Hunting Club of Wisconsin. He is affiliated with the Peoria Association of Commerce, the Peoria Real Estate Board, the Illinois Association of Real Estate Boards and the National Association of Real Estate Boards. During the late war he took an active part in the various Liberty Loan, Red Cross and War Chest drives, in which he did effective work. He is an alert, active and capable business man, who has met with a splendid measure of success and is numbered among Peoria's representative citizens.

JOHN J. MALONE

John J. Malone, president of the Liberty Fuel and Trucking Company, has had extensive business experience and is making a distinctive success of his present enterprise. Born on the 9th of May, 1898, in Peoria, Illinois, he is a son of Patrick W. and Elizabeth (O'Neill) Malone. His father was born in Lewistown, Illinois, in November, 1871, and is now captain in the Central fire engine house in Peoria. He supports the republican party and is a member of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church. His father, John Malone, was a native of Ireland, was a farmer, and died in Lewistown, Illinois. Elizabeth (O'Neill) Malone, born in Peoria, November 4, 1871, is a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Hanrahan) O'Neill, both of whom were natives of Ireland and died in Peoria. Mr. O'Neill was engaged in the brick manufacturing business.

John J. Malone attended the grade and high schools of Peoria, and during his school days sold newspapers after school hours. On leaving school he entered the employ of Clark Brothers & Company, distillers, of Peoria, by whom he was employed in the revenue department for four years. During the late war he worked in the ordnance department of the Holt Manufacturing Company, being in the paymaster's office for nine months. His next position was that of traffic manager for the E. B. Conover Grain Company, of Peoria, with whom he remained for five years, after

which he was for seven years employed as superintendent by the Liberty Coal Company. On October 1, 1927, he organized the Liberty Fuel & Trucking Company, Inc., of which he is president and general manager and of which he is making one of the most important concerns in its line in this locality.

On October 22, 1927, in Peoria, Mr. Malone was united in marriage to Miss Philomene Lavin, a native of Peoria, and a daughter of James and Anna (Powers) Lavin. Her father, a native of Ireland, was a stationary engineer and died in Peoria, as did also his wife, who was a native of Illinois. Mrs. Malone was educated in St. Mary's School and Brown's Business College, and was employed as a stenographer prior to her marriage. Mr. Malone is a stanch republican in his political views and he and his wife are members of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, in which Mrs. Malone belongs to the Rosary and Altar Society. Mr. Malone belongs to the Knights of Columbus (fourth degree); Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E.; Peoria Lodge, No. 1220, L. O. O. M.; and the Peoria Merchants Association. He is a man of pleasing personality, is well known throughout this community and is extremely popular in the circles to which he belongs. His outstanding success in his present enterprise stands in evidence of his business sagacity and judgment.

REV. VERNON W. COOKE

Rev. Vernon W. Cooke, the able, eloquent and popular pastor of the First Congregational Church of Peoria, is recognized as one of the leading clergymen of this section of the state, and since coming to this city has accomplished much in promoting the work of his society and advancing the spiritual and moral status of the community. He was born in Grand Dalles, Klickitat county, Washington, October 25, 1882, a son of Dr. Vernon T. and Ida (Lewis) Cooke, and a grandson of William and Eliza (Tillier) Cooke, the former of whom was born in Bury, St. Edmunds, England, and died near Brighton. His wife, a native of England was of French and English descent. Dr. Cooke, who was born in England, December 10, 1849, is now living in Peoria, having

retired from active pursuits some years ago. He received a good education and practiced medicine in England and Oregon. Later he turned his attention to agriculture and conducted extensive dry farming experiments in the middle west. From there he went to Rio Janeiro, Brazil, where he conducted similar experiments for the Brazilian government. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and gives his political support to the republican party. Ida (Lewis) Cooke was born near Harrisburg, Oregon, May 29, 1862, and is a daughter of John and Martha (Howard) Lewis, pioneer ranchers in Oregon, where in early days they had much trouble and annoyance from the Indians.

Vernon W. Cooke attended the public schools of The Dalles Oregon, and took preparatory college work at the Portland Academy, of Portland, Oregon. After attending Whitman College, at Walla Walla, Washington, he entered Yale Divinity School, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, in 1914. During the summer of the same year he made an extensive automobile tour in the British Isles and on the continent of Europe, being in France when the great war broke out. On December 14, 1914, in Derby, Connecticut, he was ordained to the Christian ministry. He became the pastor of the Second Congregational Church at Derby, serving until June 1, 1916, when he went to the First Congregational Church of Willimantic, Connecticut. On February 1, 1918, he resigned his pastorate and entered service with the Young Men's Christian Association overseas. His first assignment was with the Thirty-second Division, General Haan commanding, with whom he served on four fronts, Alsace, Chateau Thierry, Vic sur Aisne and in the Argonne. Just before the Armistice he was assigned to the department of social hygiene. In this work he visited many of the camps of the A. E. F., both in France and in Germany, lecturing and organizing study groups. He was in France until June, 1919, when he returned home. In September of that year he became the pastor of the First Congregational Church at Western Springs, Illinois, which society he served until June, 1926, when he came to Peoria as pastor of the First Congregational Church. He is a clear thinker and an effective and convincing preacher, while in his pastoral work he shows marked devotion to the in-

terests of his people. He is also devoted to the welfare of the entire community, standing consistently for righteousness and morality, and is never lacking in his support of all uplifting and progressive movements.

On April 16, 1916, in New Haven, Connecticut, Rev. Cooke was united in marriage to Miss Hazel Mildred Watts, by Dean Charles R. Brown of the Yale Divinity School. Mrs. Cooke was born in St. Helens, Oregon, a daughter of J. G. and Rose (England) Watts, who now live in Scappoose, Oregon. Mr. Watts, who is a native of Scappoose, conducts a general mercantile business. He is a member of the Congregational Church and is an active supporter of the republican party, having filled a number of local offices. His wife is a native of Iowa. The grandfather, William Watts, was a native of Missouri, and became a pioneer rancher near Scappoose, Oregon, in which town his death occurred. Mrs. Cooke graduated from Wellesley College, at Wellesley, Massachusetts, in 1916, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She is an active member of the Congregational Church and belongs to the College Club, the Amateur Music Club and the Peoria Players. Rev. and Mrs. Cooke are the parents of five children. Vernon Watts, born May 5, 1918; Lorna Marguerite, born January 17, 1920; Raymond Harold, born October 6, 1924; Virginia Rosamond, born April 14, 1926; and Helen Elizabeth, born July 2, 1928.

Rev. Cooke is a republican in his political views and is a member of the Creve Coeur Club, the Kiwanis Club and the Peoria Players. Cordial and sincere in manner, and one of Peoria's most valuable citizens, he commands the respect of the entire community and has a host of warm and loyal friends.

WILLIAM A. WERCKLE

For over forty years William A. Werckle has been engaged in the retail hardware and implement business and during this period has commanded not only a large patronage, but also the respect and confidence of the people of this locality. He was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, on the 20th of October, 1851, and

is a son of Henry and Caroline (Brue) Werckle. Both parents were natives of France and died in Peoria, Illinois, the father passing away March 1, 1868, and the mother in March, 1888. Henry Werckle followed farming and was highly respected in his community. He served seven years in the French Army and after coming to the United States enlisted for the Civil war, but was not accepted because of psysical disability. To him and his wife were born six children: William A., and Henry, who are associated in business in Peoria; August C., a farmer who is serving as supervisor of Richwood township, Peoria county; Fred W., who is engaged in the trucking business; and Caroline and Sarah A., both deceased.

William A. Werckle received his educational training in the public schools of Richwood township and devoted his attention to farming until 1875, when he became associated with C. L. Crowell of the Woodlawn Dairy. On January 1, 1880, he came to Peoria and entered the employ of J. W. Rouse. Later he was a clerk in the wholesale hardware store of Hunter & Company, after which he worked for J. D. McClure, dealer in heavy hardware, as city salesman. On March 1, 1886, Mr. Werckle engaged in the implement business on a commission basis, as the Peoria branch of the Minneapolis Binder Company, thus continuing until 1888, when he bought out a Mr. Gordon, who was engaged in the woven wire fence business and combined the two stocks at 810 Main street. He remained at that location until February, 1897, when he engaged in the retail implement business at 110 North Washington street. On June 1, 1899, he moved to his present location, 113 North Washington street, where he has conducted the business to the present time. He has carried a general line of hardware for the past twenty years. His brother Henry has been associated with him since 1888 as a partner. He was born in Peoria county, November 11, 1855, and during the late war he took a very active part in the various local war drives.

On December 10, 1884, in Peoria, William A. Werckle was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Jungling, a daughter of Mrs. Teresa (Walters) Jungling, a native of Germany, who died in Peoria. Mr. and Mrs. Werckle are the parents of three children: Henry J., Frank W., and Miss Grace E.

In politics Mr. Werckle maintains an independent attitude. He belongs to the Peoria Association of Commerce, the Illinois State Hardware Implement Association, the Peoria Hardware Dealers' Association and the Peoria County Farm Bureau. He is a man of dependable qualities, is energetic and progressive in his business methods and has conducted his affairs in a way which has gained for him the confidence of the public.

HENRY G. KUCK

Henry G. Kuck, of the Stuber & Kuck Company, has been engaged in the tinware and sheet metal goods manufacturing business in Peoria for the past forty-three years and has met with a measure of success which indicates his business ability and honorable methods. He was born in Peoria on the 26th of September, 1866, and is a son of Deitrich and Trientje (Willms) Kuck. His paternal grandparents, Henry and Aldelheid (Meyer) Kuck, were lifelong residents of Germany. Their son Deitrich was born in Hanover, Germany, November 4, 1838, and died in Peoria, Illinois, November 4, 1913. He followed the trade of glassblower in his native land, and in Peoria served as a mail carrier. He was a republican and a member of the Baptist Church. Trientje (Willms) Kuck was born in Norden Ostfriesland, Germany, May 10, 1846, and died in Peoria, Illinois, in July, 1918. She was a daughter of Geerd and Itje (Clausen) Willms. Both of her parents were natives of Germany, but brought their family to this country, locating in Peoria county, Illinois, where he followed the trade of a miller.

Henry G. Kuck attended the public schools of Peoria and then learned the trade of a tinsmith under John Becker, with whom he remained three years. He then became tinsmith for H. Sandmier & Company, of Peoria. When twenty-one years of age, Mr. Kuck formed a partnership with Joseph Stuber, into which each put two hundred and fifty dollars, and on December 1, 1887, they started the tin business, under the firm name of Stuber & Kuck. The venture proved successful and was carried on as a partnership until 1914, when the business was incorporated as the Stuber

& Kuck Company, of which Mr. Kuck is president. They are engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of piece tinware, cans, metal barrels, egg beaters, fruit presses, and similar lines, as well as asbestos stove mats and various other sheet metal articles, for which they have a ready market. Mr. Kuck is also a stockholder and director of the Keystone Steel and Wire Company, and the Maple City Stamping Company of Peoria, and the Palmer Apparel Shops, of Chicago, which, though only two years old, has opened its nineteenth store.

On February 14, 1893, in Peoria, Mr. Kuck was united in marriage to Miss Anna Janssen, a native of Muntgeboe, Germany, but living in Peoria at the time of her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Kuck are the parents of a daughter, Catherine E., who is the wife of Herman Stocksick, a banker of Pasadena, California. Mr. Kuck is a republican in politics, and is a member of the State Park Baptist Church, of which he is a deacon and for the past thirty-four years has been superintendent of the Sunday school. He is very fond of music, in which he is talented, being a tenor singer, and was rector of the choir for many years. He belongs to the Peoria Association of Commerce, and is very highly regarded in the business circles of this city, while throughout the community he is esteemed for his sterling citizenship and estimable personal qualities.

ALBERT WEILAND

For eight years Albert Weiland has been postmaster of Peru, Illinois, serving under three presidents and doing excellent work in this connection. A native of Peru, he was born July 3, 1892, and is a son of Jacob and Agnes (Wacker) Weiland. His father was also born in Peru and is well known in local business circles as superintendent of E. Weiland, Inc., cigar manufacturers. Albert Weiland has a twin sister, Alberta, who is located in Chicago, Illinois.

The son was graduated from the La Salle high school and acquired his higher education in Valparaiso University, an Indiana institution of learning, which conferred upon him the

degree of Bachelor of Laws, in 1916. Instead of entering the legal profession he turned to commercial pursuits and for about six years was identified with the tobacco business as an expert packer of cigars. During the World war he was secretary of the local war relief committee and also acted in the capacity of legal adviser. In 1922 he became postmaster of Peru through appointment of President Harding, was reappointed in 1926 by President Coolidge, and is now serving under President Hoover, discharging the duties of the office with ability and conscientiousness. He has thoroughly systematized the work, making many needed improvements in the local postal service.

Mr. Weiland was married May 15, 1916, to Miss Carolyn Ruth Hubbard, a daughter of Charles R. Hubbard, who is well known throughout the region of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, being a son of one of Wisconsin's pioneer settlers. They are the parents of four children: Dorothy K., Billy Hubbard, Betty J. and Rosemary J. Mrs. Weiland is active in the Peru Woman's Club, which she aided in organizing, and Mr. Weiland belongs to the Rotary Club, the Turners Club and the Knights of Pythias. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a staunch republican, unwavering in his allegiance to the party, and is an influential factor in county and state politics. Endowed with a pleasing personality, he readily wins friends, and that he is a man of strong character and substantial worth is indicated by the high place which he holds in the esteem of his fellow townsmen, among whom his life has been passed.

PAUL M. COOGAN

Paul M. Coogan has built up a prosperous business in Peoria in the sale of gravel, being the president and general manager of the Coogan Gravel Company, one of the most important concerns in its line in this section of the state. He was born in Lincoln, Logan county, Illinois, on the 5th of October, 1896, and is a son of James and Nancy (Edwards) Coogan. The family is of Irish extraction in the paternal line, the grandfather, James Coogan, Sr., having been born in Ireland, whence he came to this country,

locating in Lincoln, Illinois, where he was a teaming contractor. James Coogan, Jr., was born and lives in Lincoln, where he is engaged in the retail grocery business. He is a democrat in politics and a member of the Roman Catholic Church. His wife, also a native of Lincoln, is a daughter of Archibald and Orrie (Barnett) Edwards, natives, respectively, of Kentucky and Illinois, who died in Lincoln, where the father was long engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Paul M. Coogan graduated from the Lincoln high school in 1914 and then entered the editorial rooms of the Lincoln Courier-Herald as city editor, which position he held for two years. He then went to the Bloomington (Ill.) Pantagraph, being employed in the display advertising department until December, 1917, when he enlisted for the World war. He was in training at Rantoul, Illinois, for eight months, being then transferred to Fort Omaha, Nebraska, where he remained one month. He was then sent to the balloon officers' training camp at Fort Cook, Nebraska, where he was located during the two months immediately preceding the Armistice, and was honorably discharged there, November 30, 1918. Mr. Coogan then entered the advertising department of the Decatur Review, at Decatur, Illinois, with which paper he was connected for two months, when he became traveling salesman and sales manager for the McGrath Sand and Gravel Company of Lincoln. He held that position until April, 1926, when he came to Peoria and organized the Coogan Gravel Company, of which he is president and general manager, and which owns a gravel pit at Chillicothe, this state, selling its products throughout the central portion of Illinois. The gravel is of excellent quality and the company's prompt and efficient service has been a contributing element to the growth of its business.

On February 20, 1921, in Bloomington, Illinois, Mr. Coogan was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Shields, who was born and reared in that city and is a daughter of John and Mary (Christy) Shields, both of whom were natives of Ireland and died in Bloomington. Mr. Shields was employed for a number of years as a machinist by the Chicago & Alton Railroad. Mrs. Coogan is a graduate of the Bloomington high school and the State Nor-

mal University, and prior to her marriage taught school in Bloomington and Lincoln, this state. She is a member of the Women's Club and the Story Tellers' Club of Peoria. Mr. and Mrs. Coogan are the parents of three children: James McDermott, born August 15, 1922, Mary Jane, February 1, 1925, and Elizabeth Ann, June 20, 1927. Mr. Coogan maintains an independent attitude in politics, voting according to the dictates of his judgment, regardless of political lines. He belongs to the Peoria Association of Commerce and lends his influence in every possible way towards the advancement of his community. He and his wife are members of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church and are generous supporters of all worthy benevolent causes.

WILLIAM B. EICHER, A. M., M. D.

Dr. William B. Eicher, who has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Peoria for more than twenty years, commands a large practice and is regarded as one of the representative members of his profession in this locality. He was born in Washington county, Iowa, January 2, 1869, and is a son of Rev. Benjamin and Lydia (Sommers) Eicher. His father was born in Alsace-Lorraine, France, in 1832, and died in Iowa, in December, 1893. He was a minister of the Mennonite Church and preached for many years in Iowa, being pastor of the church at Noble for thirty years. Lydia Sommers was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, and died in Wayland, Iowa, in 1906. She was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Miller) Sommers. Her father, who was a farmer, was born near Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and died in Washington county, Iowa, where also his wife, who was a native of Pennsylvania, passed away.

William B. Eicher attended the public schools in Washington county, Iowa, and graduated from Washington Academy, at Washington. He entered Monmouth College, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1893, and that institution granted him his Master degree in 1899. Matriculating in the Keokuk Medical College at Keokuk, Iowa, he was graduated with

the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1898, took post-graduate medical work in Chicago and New York city, and in 1913 also received a diploma from the medical department of the University of Iowa. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Bonduel, Shawano county, Wisconsin, where he remained until May, 1909, when he came to Peoria, where he has been engaged in the general practice of his profession to the present time.

Dr. Eicher as a member of the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He gives his political support to the democratic party and is an adherent of the Mennonite Church. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, the University Club and the Mileage Club. During the World war he enlisted in the Volunteer Medical Service Corps. Mrs. Eicher is an active member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church and belongs also to the Women's Club, the Young Women's Christian Association and other women's organizations. Dr. and Mrs. Eicher are the parents of two daughters: Helen is the wife of George E. Allen, a successful fire insurance man of Cleveland, Ohio, and is the mother of two children, Mary and Billy. Alice is the wife of Irwin Rooks, a prominent lawyer in Chicago, and they have a son, William Irwin. The Doctor has shown himself a master of his profession and is very highly regarded by his brother physicians, while throughout the community he is esteemed for his stanch citizenship and his estimable personal qualities.

WALTER GUY JAMESON

In the field of architecture Walter Guy Jameson stands at the head of his profession in the Illinois River Valley, having designed many of the important public edifices, industrial buildings, and homes in this part of the state. He was born in Buffalo, New York, June 21, 1891, a son of Charles Edwin and Charlotte (Golder) Jameson, the latter a native of Belvidere, Illinois, who died in December, 1920, at Buffalo. His father, Charles Edwin Jameson, who was born in St. Stephen, New Brunswick, and is now residing in Buffalo, is the senior member of the printing firm

of C. E. Jameson & Son. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwin Jameson were born ten children, namely: Freda May, who died in infancy; Hugh Whitman, who is the junior member of the firm of C. E. Jameson & Son; Arthur Herbert; William Edwin, who is connected with the Cuneo Press, of Chicago, Illinois; Alice Myrtle, who is the wife of Lyman Personeus of Rochester, New York; Cora May, who is the wife of John Cossar of Buffalo, New York; Grace Violet, who is the wife of Charles Sanders of Buffalo; Ruth Mildred, who is connected with the department of education of Buffalo; Roy Victor, also of Buffalo; and Walter Guy.

Walter Guy Jameson attended the public schools of Buffalo, and graduated from the Lafayette high school in June, 1910. In the fall he entered the University of Michigan, and graduated from the college of architecture in June, 1915, having spent the year between his sophomore and junior years in the construction field, with the Majestic Construction Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and on large reinforced concrete structures in the east with the Turner Construction Company of New York city. His academic training was materially augmented in the years following by practical experience in the offices of such well known architects as George Metzger of Buffalo, R. W. Koch of Ann Arbor and Detroit, Michigan, George D. Mason of Detroit, Albert Kahn of Detroit, C. Howard Crane of Detroit, Claude Bragdon, of Rochester, New York, and Bryant Fleming of New York city. For five years he was in charge of the office of Bryant Fleming of New York, designing important large residential estates all over the country, as well as planning park systems and park-like subdivisions.

In February, 1923, Mr. Jameson came to Peoria and became associated with Hewitt & Emerson, architects, with whom he remained until February, 1927, when he reestablished his independent practice, which had been abandoned on the United States' entry into the World war. His success was immediate, and in April, 1927, he purchased the architectural business of Warren W. Day, who had been in business here for the past fifteen years. Some months later the office was expanded and he took into partnership Elbert I. Harrison, the firm becoming Jameson and Harrison, architects. The firm maintains large and well equipped

offices in the Peoria Life Insurance building, and is carrying on a steadily increasing general practice, which includes the designing of schools, churches, apartment houses, theatres, factories, hotels, residences, as well as landscape architecture, subdivisions and town planning. Some of the projects designed by Mr. Jameson include: the Blaine-Sumner school of Peoria, the Civic Theatre of The Peoria Players, the administration building of the Peoria County Home, the Peoria Casket Company's plant, the Sweney Super-Station, the Pontiac (Ill.) Masonic Temple, and residences of Mark Sommer, D. F. Farrow, Dan Sommer, J. Hawley Wilson, Wallace Miller, Verne D. Charleston, of Peoria, and D. F. Velde and C. F. Brookings of Pekin, Illinois.

On June 6, 1916, Mr. Jameson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ethelyn Hetchler, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and they are the parents of two sons: Walter Edwin, born January 9, 1918, in Muskegon, Michigan; and Stuart Keith, born November 19, 1920, in Wyoming, New York. Mr. Jameson is a member of Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, Pylon, Scalp and Blade, of the University of Michigan; a member and instructor in graphic arts and stagecraft in the Art Institute of Peoria; as well as a member of the Peoria Players, University Club, and the Exchange Club. His hobbies are etching and the designing of stage settings. His masterful settings for George Bernard Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra," John Masefield's "Tragedy of Nan," and Barrie's "Holiday," were visibly beautiful and aesthetically satisfying, gaining for him national recognition in the Art Theatre. He and his family are members of the First Baptist Church of Peoria.

The structures Mr. Jameson has designed, which begin by fitting their sites, have invariably a quiet and distinguished way of looking as though he conceived them with the invention that goes with the making of a good picture or statue. Each has a personality which is beguiling. Tradition of a sort is in his blood and he could not do without it, yet his originality, his essential independence, remain untinged. There is nothing factitious about his work, nothing that is done from the outside. All proceeds from a strong central inspiration, from the creative instinct craving the outlet of beauty which has made him paint, etch, and build as with an imperious force. He is in harmony with his

art in the light and color of gardens, the beauty background of the spoken drama, in the quietude of houses where one dwells with finely wrought possessions, symbols of things of the mind. His adaptations, versatile in type, make no compromises with good architecture, good taste, and good practical sense, and in this with his unfailing spirit of sincerity toward the profession and its high responsibilities, is found the simple reason for his recognized exalted place in his profession.

ALEXANDER FURST

Alexander Furst, treasurer of the Jobst-Bethard Company, wholesale grocers, with which concern he has been connected for over thirty-five years, is among the prominent and enterprising business men of Peoria. He was born here on the 26th of October, 1880, a son of Alexander, Sr., and Elizabeth (Schneider) Furst. The father, who died in June, 1881, eight months after the birth of his son, was a native of Germany, where he was reared and educated, becoming an expert farmer. On coming to the United States he went direct to Mason City, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. Subsequently he moved to Peoria and in 1876 was appointed superintendent of the House of Correction. The mother, who also was a native of Germany, was but two years of age when brought to this country in 1854 by her parents, who located in Albany, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Furst were born two children, Alexander and Paul, the latter dying in infancy.

Alexander Furst received his education in the public schools of Peoria, which he attended until the age of fourteen years, when he entered the employ of Gauss, Jobst, Bethard & Company, wholesale grocers. In 1894 the firm name was changed to its present form. Mr. Furst has remained with this well known concern to the present time and during the years has received a number of deserved promotions, and as treasurer and general manager of the company has been an important factor in its success.

On June 4, 1908, Mr. Furst was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Elizabeth Hall, a daughter of George and Carrie Hall. Her father, who is now retired, was connected with the Edward

S. Easton Grain Company during his business years. Mrs. Furst is descended from old American families, embracing Mayflower and Revolutionary stock, being a direct descendant of Miles Standish. Mr. and Mrs. Furst are the parents of two children. Elizabeth, born October 8, 1909, is a student in the University of Illinois, where she is majoring in languages, and George, born May 7, 1913, is attending high school. Mr. Furst is a member of Illinois Lodge, No. 263, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E. He also belongs to the Creve Coeur Club and the Peoria Country Club. He is president of the Illinois Wholesale Grocers' Association and a member of the executive committee of the National Wholesale Grocers' Association. He has led a busy and active life, has devoted his efforts closely to the interests of the firm with which he has been so long connected and is regarded as one of its most efficient and enterprising officials.

WILLIAM SMITH MILES

William S. Miles, a member of the grain firm of P. B. & C. C. Miles, was one of Peoria's native sons who succeeded in business affairs and was numbered among this city's best citizens. He was born on the 2d of June 1876, a son of Philo B. and Maria H. (Wrenn) Miles, and came of an old Revolutionary family, of New England stock, being the great-great-grandson of Captain Benjamin Miles, who took part in the battle of Lexington and served as a captain in the Continental Army. He was a native of Rutland, Massachusetts, and became a pioneer agriculturist of Ohio, in which state he passed away. He married Miss Hannah Buckminster, and they were the parents of Joseph B. Miles, who married Elizabeth Buckingham. Joseph B. Miles was born in Rutland, Massachusetts, in 1781 and died at Washington, Illinois, in August, 1860. They became the parents of Benjamin Eustis, who was born in Athens, Ohio, and died in Washington, Illinois, in 1878, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was engaged in the grain and flour mill business at that place. His wife was



WILLIAM S. MILES

born in Putnam (now Zanesville), Ohio, and died in Washington, December 5, 1870, at the age of fifty-two years. They were the parents of Philo B. Miles, who was born in Washington, December 12, 1849, and is now living in Peoria, past four score years of age. He is president of P. B. & C. C. Miles, which firm has been engaged in the grain business continuously since 1875, a period of fifty-five years. He has always supported the republican party and has served as a member of the board of aldermen, as mayor and as president of the school board. He has long been a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, of which he is an elder. He was married March 6, 1873, to Miss Maria H. Wrenn, who was born in Washington, June 19, 1850, a daughter of Wade T. Wrenn, a native of Virginia who followed the occupation of farming and died in Washington.

William S. Miles was graduated from the Peoria Central high school in 1894 and then entered Princeton University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1899. In the fall of that year he became associated with his father, Philo B. Miles, and his uncle, Charles C. Miles, in the grain business as bookkeeper. In 1910, when the business was incorporated, he became a member of the firm and was chosen secretary and a director, in which capacities he continued to serve until his death, which occurred April 17, 1930. He was also a director of the Walter G. Causey Company, dealers in real estate and bonds, and the Peoria Cordage Company.

On June 7, 1904, in Peoria, Mr. Miles was united in marriage to Miss Bertha E. Heidrich, a native of Kentucky and a daughter of E. C. and Augusta (Meyer) Heidrich, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Miles was graduated from the Central high school, Peoria, and from Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1898 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Mr. and Mrs. Miles became the parents of a son, William S., Jr., born February 27, 1910. He is a graduate of the Peoria high school and is now (1930) a junior in Princeton University.

Mr. Miles gave his support to the republican party and took a proper interest in public affairs, serving as president of the board of education of Peoria. He belonged to Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria

Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Peoria Country Club, the Creve Coeur Club and the Peoria Association of Commerce and was a past president of the Peoria Board of Trade. During the World war he was an officer in the Illinois Reserve Corps and was very active in the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. He was a member and first lieutenant of Company H, known as the Board of Trade Company. He was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, to which his wife and son belong. Mr. Miles easily made friends and throughout the range of his acquaintance commanded genuine respect.

An old friend and associate said of him: "His passing away has deprived the city of Peoria and its environs of a true and noble soul. Thoroughly trained for life's achievements and with definite and positive objectives in view, he was ever active for the attainment of those traits of higher citizenship which would bring to the home, the school and the community a culmination of those fine ideals for which his training and experience always stood. Keenly sensitive, intensely human, and utterly unselfish, he was ever striving to bring the greater good to others, thus reflecting the fuller life for himself. William S. Miles to Peoria is not gone, he is just away. Future generations will rise up to call him blessed."

AUGUST H. UNHOLZ

For forty-nine years the Bureau County Record, of Princeton, has rendered excellent news service to the people of this locality and for twenty-nine years it has been published by members of the Unholz family, the present publisher and editor being August H. Unholz, who has gained high place as a journalist. Born in Monticello, Illinois, on the 6th of November, 1886, he is a son of August and Caroline (Sealheim) Unholz, the former born in Switzerland and the latter in Germany. They were brought to the United States in childhood by their respective parents, who settled in Illinois. August Unholz and Caroline Sealheim were married in Champaign, this state, where he was employed as a

carpenter, being engaged on the construction of the University administration building. After its completion he engaged in the building and contracting business on his own account, erecting a number of business structures in Monticello, where he was then living, as well as many residences there and in the surrounding country. He died in Monticello in 1898, at the age of fifty-six years. He was an earnest member of the Baptist Church and frequently preached as a supply minister. His widow now lives with her sons in Princeton. Of their nine children, three survive, namely: A. R., who is engaged in the tire and gasoline business in Princeton; Ernest G., who is foreman in the printing department of the Bureau County Record, and August H. Fred, who was connected with the Record, is deceased, as is Carl B. and Anna, who was the wife of George Reinier, of Peoria.

August H. Unholz attended the public schools of Monticello, after which he served an apprenticeship at the printing trade. It is noteworthy that five members of the Unholz family were employed at one time on the Piatt County Republican, under G. A. Burgess, who was at that time a well known citizen of this state. Mr. Unholz worked two years on the Piatt County Republican and one year on the Champaign Times, after which he came to the Bureau County Record in 1914, and has since devoted his attention to the paper with very gratifying results. The Record is widely known as one of the best edited and most attractive journals in this section of the state and has long been a valuable newspaper property. Mr. Unholz is also the founder of the Depue Leader and a paper at Spring Valley, both of which he manages in addition to the Record.

Mr. Unholz was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Halberg, whose father, Herman Halberg, was a resident of Princeton. They are the parents of five children, namely: Glen, a high school graduate, is employed in his father's office; Donald, a graduate of high school, also an employe of the Record; May Carolyn; Helen Jane; and Betty Anne. Mr. Unholz is a Lutheran in his religious views and is a member of the Princeton Press Club, the Illinois State Editorial Association and the Northeastern Editorial Association. He is justifiably proud of the record of his family in its relation to the newspaper business of this county and to the high-

est degree he has met the requirements of up-to-date journalism in this field. The Record has been a constant and effective supporter of all of the agencies for good government, loyal citizenship and civic progress, and Mr. Unholz is one of the community's most useful men.

JOHN PAUL GRIEVES

The Lacon Woolen Mills were founded in 1865 and in 1880 John Grieves became superintendent thereof. A few years later he and his two sons, John W. and George H., bought the business, which they conducted as a partnership, John Grieves being president of the company, which was known as John Grieves & Sons. He was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, where he was reared and educated. He there learned the trade of woolen weaving and wove the famous shawl which King Edward of England presented to Jennie Lind, the Swedish nightingale. On coming to America, he first located in Ottawa, Canada, but later went to Troy, New York, where he served as superintendent of woolen mills, and still later came to Lacon, where he spent his remaining years, dying in 1906, at the age of seventy-three. On his death his son George H. became president and John W., another son, became secretary and treasurer of the company. George H. Grieves remained at the head of the business until his death, in 1928, when he was succeeded by his son, Lowell Grieves, who is still president. John W. Grieves held the office of secretary and treasurer until his death, in 1915, when he was succeeded by his son John Paul, who is still serving as such.

The business was incorporated in 1907 as John Grieves' Sons, owners of the Lacon Woolen Mills. It has long been numbered among the most prosperous and substantial industries of this section of the valley. In 1901 the plant was destroyed by fire, and was rebuilt with fourteen looms. The number of looms was increased to forty-four in 1907 and in 1916 to sixty-six looms. This is one of the largest and best woolen mills in the state. The company makes under-collar cloth, billiard table cloth, Melto flannel, outing cloth and sport suitings. The raw material is bought in

the Chicago, Philadelphia and Boston markets, and the finished goods are sold in all of the principal cities of the United States, Canada and Mexico. The company has been controlled by a settled policy as to high quality goods and fair dealing, because of which they have always commanded the confidence of the public.

John Paul Grieves was born October 9, 1888, a son of John W. and Blanche (Blackstone) Grieves, while his cousin, Lowell Grieves, was born June 14, 1889, and is a son of George H. and Amelia (Mueller) Grieves. Both of their mothers are living. The young men attended the public schools of Lacon and on graduating from high school entered the business and have remained actively identified with it to the present time.

John Paul Grieves was united in marriage to Miss Ronelva McAllister, of Streator, Illinois, and they are the parents of a son, John Paul, Jr., born January 31, 1922. Mr. Grieves is a stanch republican in his political views and has served as mayor of Lacon continuously since 1918. During the late war he served as chairman of the local Red Cross chapter. Lowell Grieves, president of the local building and loan association, married Miss Minnie Mundell, of Lacon, and they are the parents of two children, George, born in 1912, and Marion, in 1916. Lowell Grieves also was active in all local war measures. John Paul Grieves has been particularly active in municipal affairs and is now rendering efficient service as mayor.

A. E. HUBBARD, M. D.

Dr. A. E. Hubbard, director of the Peoria tuberculosis sanitarium, is regarded as a specialist of unusual ability in the treatment of tubercular troubles and his record also as an executive has been extremely creditable, the hospital having, under his supervision, made splendid progress in capacity and equipment. Dr. Hubbard was born in Owen county, Indiana, March 10, 1881, and is a son of Harrison and Margaret (Coffman) Hubbard. He comes of English ancestry on the paternal side and of German on the maternal side. His father, who was born December 26, 1841, and died at the age of sixty-five years, successfully followed

farming. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in the Seventeenth Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served four years, or until the close of the war. He participated in one hundred and four battles and skirmishes, among which were Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Chickamauga, Cumberland and Atlanta. In one battle an exploding shell killed six of his comrades close by. A piece of the shell struck him in the forehead, and he carried it the remainder of his life. He was married twice, first to Miss Margaret Coffman, who died in 1885, at the age of thirty-six years. To them were born six children: James W., deceased; Clarence Eugene, a retired farmer now living near Mooresville, Indiana, who is the father of three children, Russell, Walter and Ruth; Dr. Rolla M., a dentist of Indianapolis; Gertrude, the wife of Charles Hoffman, of Greencastle, Indiana; Dr. A. E.; and Belle, the wife of John C. Cosand, of Mooresville, Indiana, and the mother of two children, Pearl and Hobart. In May, 1888, Harrison Hubbard was married to Miss Margaret Arnold. Their only child died in infancy. The mother died in 1926, at the age of seventy-two years. Her parents were farmers and resided in Putnamville, Indiana.

A. E. Hubbard attended the public and high schools of his native community, and then entered the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, from which he was graduated, with the M. D. degree, in 1912. He spent one year as interne in Columbus Hospital, of Chicago, and six months in the Cook County Hospital, after which he accepted the position of assistant medical director of the Ottawa Tuberculosis Sanitarium, to which he devoted his attention for eighteen months. In 1915 he came to Peoria and engaged in the general practice of medicine for five years, after which he gave his entire time to tuberculosis cases, in which his success was outstanding. In September, 1918, he enlisted in the United States Medical Corps, was commissioned a first lieutenant, was on duty in southern military camps during the greater part of his service and was honorably discharged in April, 1919. Returning to Peoria, he was appointed medical director of the Peoria Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium, continuing to the present time. When he assumed that position the hospital contained forty-five beds and during the subsequent ten years the capacity

has been increased to one hundred. The buildings are modern and everything known to medical science has been provided for the proper care of the patients.

Doctor Hubbard is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 48, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He also belongs to the Peoria University Club and is a charter member of the Mount Holly Golf Club. Along professional lines he is connected with the Phi Chi medical fraternity, the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the board of directors of the Peoria Tuberculosis Association, and has been very effective in promoting the interest and welfare of those afflicted with tuberculosis. He is a man of splendid personal qualities, high professional attainments and sincere devotion to his life work and commands the genuine respect of all who know him and of the excellent work which he is doing.

HUGO LUCAS

For over seventy years the Lucas family of which Hugo Lucas is a worthy representative has been actively identified with the industrial interests of Peoria, the iron manufacturing firm of A. Lucas & Sons being one of the city's leading enterprises. Hugo Lucas, the present head of the business, was born in this city June 25, 1864, and is a son of Adam and Gertrude Anna (Erkes) Lucas. His father was born in Gimbsheim, Germany, February 19, 1821, and was the eldest of the five sons of George Lucas, also a native of that place. All five sons are deceased and are buried at Pekin, Illinois. George Lucas, a brother of Adam, came to the United States in 1847, settling in Rochester, New York, where he remained two years and then returned to his native country. While there he induced his brother Adam to come to America.

Adam left his wife and two children in the old home and in 1849 came to this country, settling in Rochester, New York. He was afterward in Buffalo, New York, Cincinnati, Ohio, New Orleans, Louisiana, and St. Louis, Missouri, but his stay was brief in each of these places, none of which attracted him until he

reached St. Louis, where he decided to remain. He obtained employment with an iron and steel manufacturing concern, and in 1850 his wife and two children joined him in that city. He remained in St. Louis a few years, but in 1857 came to Peoria and engaged in the manufacture of iron and steel, occupying a two-story building on North Washington street. The first large contract he secured was for the iron work for a building on Main street, known for years as the Iron Front store and which is still standing. Later a larger factory was secured and in 1897, the expanding business demanding more space, Mr. Lucas purchased the property, having a frontage of one hundred and sixty-five feet on South Washington street and two hundred and eighty feet on Cedar street. The business is still located there and is conducted under the name of A. Lucas & Sons. The company manufactures steel plate work, ornamental iron work and equipment for coal mines. Adam Lucas, who was for many years the guiding spirit of this business, died September 4, 1919, in Peoria. He was married in Germany to Miss Gertrude Anna Erkes, a native of that country, who died in Peoria on October 21, 1894. To them were born thirteen children, of whom six died in infancy. George H. and Fredericka, both now of Peoria, were born in Germany. George H. married Miss Sophia Lautz and they have a daughter, Margaret, who is the wife of Philip Winckel. Edward, born in St. Louis, September 9, 1856, died May 13, 1919, at Tampa, Florida. Emma L. was born in Peoria, March 1, 1860. Emil E., born August 16, 1862, died April 1, 1918. He married Miss Eda Bohlander and their daughter, Eda, born August 13, 1892, is the wife of Dr. L. A. Burhans, and has two children, Robert Lee, born September 19, 1916, and Donald Lucas, born March 26, 1919. Johanna Helena, born in Peoria, April 19, 1886, became the wife of Herman Erkes, who died on March 15, 1921. Hugo married Miss Emily Vonachen, of Peoria, and they have a daughter, Marie, who is at home.

Mr. Lucas is a member of Schiller Lodge, No. 335, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He belongs to the Turners Society, the Ivy Club and other local civic organizations and is a member of the Illinois Society of Engineers. He has given his attention closely to the

business to which he has devoted his entire life, and which has steadily grown and expanded during the years, and though it makes heavy demands on his time, he is in no sense indifferent to the obligations of citizenship and has long been active in his support of those measures which make for the well-being of society and the betterment of the community.

BERNARD HALL TAYLOR

Bernard H. Taylor was born in Farmington, Fulton county, on the 17th of February, 1871, and is a son of William Lathrop and Florence (Montgomery) Taylor. His father was born in Taunton, Massachusetts, and was a son of Lathrop and Hannah (Hall) Taylor, who were natives of Massachusetts, the former born in Buckland and the latter in Chelsea. The paternal great-grandparents were Barnabas and Hannah (Billington) Taylor, natives respectively of Ashfield and Middleborough, Massachusetts. On January 31, 1867, William L. Taylor was married to Florence Montgomery, who was born in Farmington, Illinois, February 1, 1847, a daughter of Alexander Kenney and Angeline (Reisinger) Montgomery, natives, respectively, of Lawrence county and Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Her paternal grandparents were Simon Walker and Nancy (Caldwell) Montgomery, natives of Beaver county, Pennsylvania.

Bernard H. Taylor received his preliminary education in the public schools of Canton, Illinois, after which he entered River-view Military Academy, at Poughkeepsie, New York, from which he was graduated in 1890. He remained in that school one year as drill master, after which he entered the law school of Columbian University, Washington, D. C., and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, in 1893. In the following year he received his Master's degree and in 1896 was admitted to practice in the state of Illinois. His practice was interrupted, however, by the declaration of war between the United States and Spain, when he promptly enlisted for service and was mustered in as captain of Company M, Fifth Regiment, United States Volunteer Infantry, at Springfield, May 7, 1898. The regiment, under the com-

mand of Colonel J. S. Culver, proceeded to Camp Thomas, Chickamauga Park, Georgia, where they were stationed nearly three months awaiting orders to proceed to the front. On August 3d the regiment left Chickamauga for Newport News, Virginia, expecting to there embark for Cuba without delay. They were on board the transport Obdam, when the order to proceed was rescinded and the regiment, after remaining on board thirty-six hours, was disembarked and ordered back to camp—that being the second time a similar order had been countermanded. Terms of peace were accepted by Spain a few days later, and the regiment was ordered to Lexington, Kentucky, where it remained in camp for thirty days. It was then ordered to Springfield, Illinois, and after a thirty-day furlough was mustered out on October 16th. Following his return Captain Taylor was appointed judge advocate of the Second Brigade, Illinois National Guard, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, which position he finally resigned in order to devote his time to the practice of his profession. The order granting his discharge contains the following commendation from his commanding officer:

“As company commander he was one of the best in the regiment and the peer of any in the service; faithful, loyal, honest and willing, he made the welfare of his men his care and, as a result, he possesses their confidence and esteem, as well as that of the commanding officer of the regiment. He has all of the qualifications and ability to command a battalion, regiment or brigade.

(Signed) J. S. Culver,

Colonel Commanding Regiment.”

On his return from his war service, and just before the disbanding of his company, Captain Taylor was presented by its members, with a handsome sword, as a token of their esteem for him as a fellow soldier and their appreciation of him as an officer.

During the last thirty years Mr. Taylor has been busily engaged in the practice of the law. He knows the law, is resourceful in its application, is determined in the trial of causes and as an office counselor is sound and dependable. From 1914 to 1927 Mr. Taylor was also engaged in farming.

On November 19, 1902, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage to Miss Allida Ten Eyck, who was born in Holland, Michigan, and

is a daughter of James and Rachel (Ledeboer) Ten Eyck. She was educated in Knox College and the Illinois Woman's College at Jacksonville. She is a member and past president of the Woman's Club, the Young Women's Christian Association, in which she is chairman of the finance committee, and, with her husband, she is a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are the parents of two children, James Alexander and Francis Montgomery.

Politically Mr. Taylor has always been a republican and has evinced a deep interest in local public affairs. He held the office of state's attorney of Fulton county from 1900 to 1904, and during the World war served as food commissioner of Fulton county. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and an Elk. He is a studious reader of law, history and economics and is much in demand as a public speaker, both because of his histrionic ability and his broad knowledge.

FRANK J. QUINN

Frank J. Quinn, noted Peoria lawyer and nationally known as a barrister and democratic leader, was called to his final rest December 18, 1929. He had figured prominently in legal circles here over a period covering thirty-seven years and was likewise widely known in business and political affairs. Born in Chicago, January 23, 1864, he was a son of Michael C. and Mary (Hurley) Quinn, natives of Ireland. The father was born on the Emerald isle in 1840 and emigrated to America when only a child, receiving his education in the schools of Holyoke, Massachusetts. He came to Peoria in 1867, after a short residence in Chicago, and here he spent the remainder of his life, practicing law for many years and winning a position of leadership at the bar. Keenly interested in public affairs, he was for many years a member of the Peoria city council and also of the school board, was city attorney of Peoria for several years and served in the Illinois house of representatives for two terms. He gained a wide reputation as an orator, speaking with and for James G. Blaine during one of the nation's historic campaigns. Michael C.

Quinn was originally a democrat in his political views but later became a republican. He died in Peoria in 1915, when seventy-five years of age, having for a decade survived his wife, who passed away in 1905. Both were devout communicants of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Frank J. Quinn acquired his early education in the German ward and high schools of Peoria and afterward matriculated in St. Viator College of Bourbonnais, Illinois, from which he was graduated in 1884 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Subsequently he spent some time as a reporter on various Peoria newspapers. He studied law in his father's office in Peoria and was admitted to the bar of Illinois in 1892. The following year he was appointed assistant to Richard J. Cooney, then state's attorney of Peoria county, and thus served until 1897. Frank J. Quinn was associated with his father in practice until the latter's death in 1915, but in 1907 the name of the firm had been changed from Quinn & Quinn to Quinn, Quinn & McGrath by reason of the admission of Shelton McGrath, who continued a member until 1917. Thereafter Frank J. Quinn was associated in law practice with Charles V. O'Hern, but it was not until June, 1929, that the style of the firm became Quinn, Quinn & O'Hern. Mr. Quinn always retained his father's name in the firm although the elder Mr. Quinn has been dead fifteen years. They constituted a strong combination and commanded a large and important clientele. Frank J. Quinn held membership in the Peoria County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, and aside from his professional interests he was a director of the Commercial National Bank of Peoria.

On August 22, 1892, Mr. Quinn was united in marriage to Miss Jennie McAvoy, of Peoria, who died here on the 20th of July, 1917. It was on August 6, 1919, that he married Mrs. Lillian (Rouse) Furst, widow of the late W. T. Furst, of Peoria. Mrs. Quinn is a member of the First Congregational Church of Peoria and belongs to the Women's Club of this city.

In politics Mr. Quinn was a democrat. He was not an office seeker but served as a delegate-at-large to the last half a dozen national conventions, including those when Woodrow Wilson was nominated. He was a close friend of Roger Sullivan, George

Brennan and Al Smith. However, in political circles his acquaintanceship included scores of friends in both political parties. Senator Deneen said of him that he was one of the most able lawyers that he ever had opposed. Mr. Quinn represented this district in the constitutional convention in 1920-22. He served for several terms as a member of the Peoria school board and also for a number of years on the Peoria public library board. During the World war he was chairman of the district exemption board and actively supported the various Liberty Loan drives. His name was on the membership rolls of the Peoria Association of Commerce, of which at one time he was a director, the Peoria Country Club, the University Club and the Creve Coeur Club. He belonged to St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church of Peoria and was a fourth degree member of the Knights of Columbus, being connected with Peoria Council. Moreover, he was affiliated with Peoria Lodge, No. 20, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He made several trips abroad, including one in 1924 when he attended a reception of the American Bar Association in London.

The Peoria Journal of December 19, 1929, said: "In the death of Mr. Quinn the community suffers a distinct loss. He was known not only among all the business and legal men of the city but in politics he had a wide acquaintance throughout the state and nation. As an attorney his services were engaged in several of the most important cases ever developed in Peoria and in fact his professional work carried him to every part of the state. While known among his scores of acquaintances as a man of great determination, he was always one of the best of good fellows on social occasions and among those close to him it was commonly understood that no man had a bigger heart than Frank Quinn. He was very liberal in his donations to charity but seldom did his gifts become generally known."

The same paper said editorially: "The death of Frank J. Quinn removes one of the notable figures in the legal history of Peoria county and central Illinois. He should take rank perhaps in a legal sense with Justice Norman Purple, the first member of the Illinois supreme court from Peoria county, and Bob Ingersoll, the famous lawyer and celebrated agnostic, the most famous of the men who have practiced law in this city. The fiery eloquence

which made his father, Michael Cassius Quinn, famous in an earlier generation descended in full measure to his son. While yet a mere boy he became assistant state's attorney of Peoria county. The experience gained in that office proved invaluable to him and for some years he engaged with astonishing success in the practice of criminal law. Twenty-five years ago he was one of the outstanding figures in that branch of law practice and it was not long until his fame extended to every part of the state. In later years he specialized in corporation law and up to the day of his death he represented many of the powerful financial and industrial corporations of the midwest.

"Comparatively early in life he attracted the attention of Roger Sullivan, the celebrated democratic leader in Chicago. Sullivan, who did as much business with republicans as democrats in Cook county, recognizing Mr. Quinn's ability as leader, came to depend more and more upon him for his downstate affiliations. Mr. Quinn, intensely interested in the fortunes of the democratic party, soon assumed a position of leadership that made him invaluable to Sullivan. He had an abiding dislike for the hypocrisy which characterized many of the leaders on both sides of the political fence. The speeches he made in defense of his party and the now celebrated 'gavel convention' in Springfield twenty-five years ago and his spirited and eloquent defense of his party and the convention against the attacks of William J. Bryan, who characterized the delegates as train robbers, is still remembered as classic. He steadfastly declined to seek public office for himself. He recognized better than anyone else the fact that his party was likely to remain a minority organization in Illinois, but that knowledge did not restrain him in the slightest.

"No man in Peoria gave so liberally or perhaps so injudiciously as he. His list of 'pensioners' was amazing to his friends. He gave away a fortune every year. With one of the largest incomes enjoyed by any Illinois lawyer, he distributed enormous sums every year. Skeptical of the claims of many applicants for charity, he was liberality itself to any who made an appeal to his sympathy. In the course of a long and varied career Mr. Quinn made the acquaintance of many of the brightest legal minds in the country. He never sought public place and declined

to allow the use of his name for public office. A certain abruptness of manner sometimes led to the belief that he held himself aloof, but this was far from the truth. No man was so open to appeals for sympathy and aid as he. He enjoyed the friendship and esteem of the leaders of thought and action in this city and the state as well. Peoria has sustained an irreparable loss in his passing."

JOHN G. PLETSCHE

John G. Pletsch, president of the First National Bank of Granville, who has been connected with this institution for twenty-eight years, and is one of Putnam county's best known and most highly respected citizens, was born in Hessen, Germany, on the 7th of October, 1874, a son of John G. and Anna E. (Staubus) Pletsch. He attended school in his native land to the age of ten years, when he came with his parents to the United States, landing at New York city, July 4, 1884. They came at once to Putnam county, Illinois, where they established their permanent home. The father died in 1900 and the mother in 1927. To their union were born the following: George, Mrs. M. Wege, Henry, Fred W., Mrs. A. P. Wirsing, John G., Mary, Conrad S. and Ann Elizabeth.

John G. Pletsch completed his education after coming to Granville, graduating from high school, and taking a course at the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso, ending in 1899, though in the meantime his studies were interrupted by his service with the United States Cavalry in the Spanish-American war. He was sent to Tampa, Florida, where he was taken sick and invalided home. He taught school until 1901, when he accepted the position of cashier in the Granville Bank, a private bank organized by Joel W. Hopkins, but which became a national bank in 1913. Joel W. Hopkins died in 1902, and was succeeded in the presidency by his son, A. W. Hopkins. When the latter died in 1926, Mr. Pletsch succeeded him and has been at the head of the bank to the present time. In 1927 a new and modern bank building was erected, it being one of the best bank structures in

the county. This well known institution has always enjoyed the fullest measure of public confidence and is one of the strong and influential banks of this section of the valley.

On January 13, 1904, Mr. Pletsch was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Munnis, of Magnolia, Illinois, a daughter of John and Nancy (McKirgan) Munnis, the former a farmer. Both parents now make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Pletsch. They became the parents of nine children, eight of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Pletsch are the parents of three children, Edwin F., born June 10, 1905; John H., born May 8, 1906; and Margaret, born March 13, 1911. Politically Mr. Pletsch is a republican and has served as a school trustee and in other local offices. During the late war, as an officer of the bank, he took a leading part in the various Liberty Loan drives in Putnam county. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and his religious membership is in the Congregational Church. He is numbered among the solid and substantial citizens of his community, in the development and prosperity of which he has been a factor through his sound and judicious banking methods and his personal efforts and influence.

GEORGE G. ZIEGELE

A splendid example of a self-made man is presented in the life story of George G. Ziegele, president of the Peoria Concrete Construction Company, who came to this country alone in young manhood and, without other assets than ambition, honesty, a keen and alert mind and a willingness to work, has carved out a splendid success and is now numbered among the leading business men of Peoria. Mr. Ziegele was born in Germany on the 4th of February, 1888, and was reared at home and attended school to the age of seventeen years, when he came to this country in the hope of finding better opportunity for advancement than was offered in his native land. Going direct to the Cattaraugus valley, New York, he found employment on a farm about seventy-five miles from Buffalo. After working there for two years, he came to Illinois and located at Cissna Park, where he worked at the mason's trade for two years. In 1909 he came to Peoria and



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went to work making cement blocks for Crist Hoerr, by whom he was employed for six years. He then started into business on his own account and for two years did concrete contracting, after which he engaged in making cement building blocks at 315 Broadway, where he has three acres of ground. For some time he secured his sand and gravel from the creek bed near his plant, but in the course of time that source of supply became exhausted and he was forced to look elsewhere. He found an abundant supply in East Peoria and a corporation was formed, under the name of East Peoria Sand and Gravel Company, which gets out this material in commercial quantities. The raw material is brought to the plant at 315 Broadway, where it is made into cement building blocks, for which there is a steady and constant demand. The plant is fifty by one hundred and twenty-five feet in size, with large storage pits for the raw material. The factory building is made of reinforced concrete and in its arrangement and mechanical equipment is modern and complete. The East Peoria plant delivers two hundred and twenty-five tons of sand and gravel daily to both the cement plant and local contractors in other lines of work. The officers of the Peoria Concrete Construction Company are, George G. Ziegele, president; Fred Zweifel, vice president, and John Zweifel, secretary and treasurer. The officers of the East Peoria Sand and Gravel Company are, John Gibbons, president; Mrs. John Gibbons, vice president, and George G. Ziegele, secretary and treasurer.

On December 10, 1912, Mr. Ziegele was united in marriage to Miss Marie Merkel, a native of Germany, who came to this country alone at the age of seventeen years. Her father is deceased and her mother resides in her native land, while Mr. Ziegele's parents also still live in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Ziegele are the parents of a son, John, born on September 12, 1913, who is attending high school. Mr. Ziegele has two brothers associated with him in the plant at Peoria. Herman came to this country when sixteen years old, and has ever since worked for his brother. He married Miss Lena Steiner, a native of Germany, and they have two children, Herman and Walter. The other brother, William, also works in the cement block plant. Their sister Minnie was married in Germany to Gotlieb Maile and their three children are

Elsie, Herman and Walter. Mr. Ziegele and his family live in a fine home which he built at 3400 Seventh street, Peoria. Though his business makes heavy demands on his time and energy, Mr. Ziegele has in no way neglected his responsibilities as a citizen and has given his earnest support to all movements for the betterment of the community in which he lives. He has attained real success because he has worked hard and consecutively for it, and he is highly respected for the honorable methods which have characterized his business operations.

HENRY DUMKE

Henry Dumke, a leading florist of the Illinois River Valley, is the owner of one of the best equipped establishments in this state, located in the town of Marseilles, La Salle county, where he has built up a prosperous business through his persistent efforts and excellent management. Mr. Dumke was born in New York state on the 20th of February, 1887, and is a son of Carl F. and Anna (Sandusky) Dumke, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to the United States in young manhood and for many years was actively and successfully engaged in business as a florist. He died in Marseilles, July 15, 1930. To him and his wife were born four children, two of whom are deceased, the survivors being Henry and Charles.

Henry Dumke received a good public school education, and then turned his attention to the florist business, in which he has been engaged continuously to the present time. In 1913 he established his first greenhouse at Marseilles, beginning his operations on a modest scale, and during the subsequent years has gradually improved and enlarged his plant until now he is the owner of a business of which he may justifiably be proud. He conducts both a wholesale and retail trade, the volume of which is increasing steadily, and at the same time he has gained a reputation as an honorable and progressive business man.

On July 2, 1910, Mr. Dumke was united in marriage to Miss Emma Peterson, who is a native of Sweden, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Leonard, who is sixteen years of

age; Robert, fourteen, and Frederick, aged four years. In his political views Mr. Dumke is a republican and though a busy man has shown a commendable interest in matters affecting the welfare and advancement of his community. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, and belongs to the Wholesale and Retail Florists' Association. He has won his success by hard and persistent work and all who knew him recognize him as a man of substantial qualities and genuine worth.

LERMOND ER MCKINZIE

Lermond Er McKinzie, who came to Illinois from the Hoosier state, has been connected with the Schuyler County Farm Bureau for nearly seven years in the capacity of farm adviser and is a scientific agriculturist whose training, experience and ability have placed him with the leaders in this line of work. He was born in Warren county, Indiana, August 20, 1892, a son of H. L. McKinzie, and is of Scotch-Irish descent. The grandfather, Andrew Jackson McKinzie, pioneered in Ohio and in 1850 settled in Indiana. He joined the Knights of Pythias and exemplified in his life the beneficent teachings of the order.

His son, H. L. McKinzie, was born in Warren county, Indiana, June 26, 1866, and has always followed the occupation of farming. In October, 1891, he married Mary Emma Stewart, who was born in Ohio, July 20, 1866, a daughter of Er and Eliza (Gebhart) Stewart, who had one of the productive farms of that state. They were members of the Methodist Church and Mr. Stewart voted with the republican party. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McKinzie four are now living: Denzil J., who is connected with the Purdue University of Indiana; Fern L., the wife of M. A. Waller, of Chicago; Dale W., who is cultivating the home farm; and Lermond Er.

The last named obtained his elementary education in a country school of Warren county and in 1911 was graduated from the high school of Attica, Indiana. While a pupil there he was active in athletic sports, playing on the football, baseball and basket-ball

teams of the high school. In September, 1911, he matriculated in Purdue University, from which he received the Bachelor of Science degree in 1915, on the completion of a course in agriculture, and when a student there he joined the Sigma Pi and Alpha Zeta fraternities, becoming president of the former. While at Purdue he was admitted to membership in the Hoof & Horn Club and in 1914 was chosen a member of the stock judging team of the university. After his graduation Mr. McKinzie returned home and assisted his father in cultivating the home place until 1916, when he was made manager of an eight hundred-acre farm near Decatur, Indiana. For a short time he was also manager of the Soldiers' Home and in 1918 went to Fountain, Indiana, as county agent, acting in that capacity until 1921. He was then appointed assistant farm adviser at Charleston, Illinois, where he remained for three years, or until he removed to Rushville and assumed the duties of his present position.

The Schuyler County Farm Bureau was established November 28, 1913, with George E. Gentle as the first farm adviser. He served until 1920 and the present adviser, L. E. McKinzie, came here in May, 1924. The Schuyler County Produce Association is one of the outstanding factors of the Farm Bureau, whose members own and control the organization. It was formed to market their poultry and dairy products, the profits of the association reverting to the stockholders. The Schuyler Service Company is an oil service company and through it the farmers of the county are supplied with oil and gas at a minimum cost. The Farm Bureau is very active in the encouraging and assisting of 4-H Clubs and Schuyler county now has eighteen of these organizations. The Farm Bureau has about four hundred and eighty members. It assists in the vaccinating of stock against disease and functions efficiently in all of its departments. The results obtained have been very gratifying and the bureau is constantly growing in favor among the farmers of this district. The farm adviser assists in soil improvement and stock and grass culture from a scientific point of view, putting special emphasis on the growing of legumes and other crops that enrich the earth. The soil in this county is particularly adapted to the growing of corn, which is the most profitable grain produced by the farmers in this

part of the state. In Mr. McKinzie the Farm Bureau has secured the services of an expert adviser whose work is proving of great benefit to the agriculturists of Schuyler county.

On the 8th of October, 1917, Mr. McKinzie was married in Jasper, Indiana, to Miss Della Mary Castrup, who was born October 9, 1892, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Castrup, and obtained her high school education in that town. Her advanced studies were pursued in the University of Indiana and also in Purdue University, which she attended for a year, after which she taught school for three years in Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. McKinzie have two children: Mary Maurine, who was born July 15, 1918; and Richard Michael, born October 4, 1928.

Mr. McKinzie attends the Presbyterian Church and his wife is active in the work of the German Evangelical Church. He is senior warden of the Rushville Lodge of Masons and also belongs to the chapter. In politics he is a republican but not a strong partisan and votes independently at local elections. He has membership in Epsilon Sigma Phi, a scholastic fraternity, and is serving on the executive board of the Rushville Community Club. For recreation he turns to hunting, fishing and other outdoor sports. A lover of fine live stock, he has an accurate knowledge of its worth and is qualified to speak with authority upon matters relative to general agricultural pursuits, in which he is deeply interested, deriving keen enjoyment from the faithful and efficient performance of his daily tasks, which constitute an important factor in the world's work.

HILTON M. REDMOND

One of Peoria's most important concerns in relation to the construction business is the Peoria Terrazzo Company, at 200-210 Cornhill street, which has attracted wide attention because of the excellence of its products and work. The founder of this company, Hilton M. Redmond, had extensive experience in this line before taking over the present business and his technical ability and artistic taste have contributed greatly to the success

of the business. Mr. Redmond was born in Elwood, Indiana, on the 29th of October, 1899, a son of Harry and Anna (Woodside) Redmond. His paternal grandfather, who died at the age of about fifty years, was of Irish ancestry. Harry Redmond is now a resident of Portland, Oregon, where he is a stockholder and officer of the Hood River Creamery. The mother was born in Indiana and is a daughter of James Woodside, who enlisted in the Union Army during the Civil war and was killed in action. To Harry and Anna Redmond were born eleven children, all of whom are living.

Hilton M. Redmond attended the public schools of Elwood, Indiana, graduating from high school in 1916, after which he took a post-graduate course in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He entered the employ of the Art Mosaic and Tile Company, of Toledo, Ohio, first in the construction department, and later as estimator and office manager. He remained with that concern as an employee for ten years and in 1927 purchased the company's Peoria branch. The business here was reorganized under the name of the Peoria Terrazzo Company, of which the present officers are Hilton M. Redmond, president; Peter Zambon, vice president; and E. L. Covey, secretary. The company does a general contracting business in mosaic and terrazzo work, with which most modern buildings are equipped, particularly in the construction of floors, vestibules, corridors, bathroom floors and wainscoting. It is unexcelled for cleanliness, sanitation, wear and appearance and is specially adapted to public shops, stores and buildings. The marble is shipped in sacks to the Peoria plant from Germany, Italy, Belgium, Egypt, Russia and other countries throughout the world, and the products of the plant are in steady demand throughout the state of Illinois and many other sections of the middle west. Mr. Redmond has given his close attention to the upbuilding of the business, in which he has been notably successful.

Mr. Redmond was united in marriage to Miss Marjorie Carrick, who was born in Kendallville, Indiana, and is a daughter of Patrick and Grace Carrick. Mr. and Mrs. Redmond are the parents of a son, Patrick H., born April 29, 1928. Mr. Redmond is a veteran of the World war. He enlisted at Fort Wayne, Indiana, went to Kelly field, San Antonio, Texas, where he spent four

months in the officers training school, and was assigned to the One Hundred and Twenty-sixth Aero Squadron, with which he went to France, where he saw active service for fifteen months. He left France July 1, 1919, was honorably discharged July 23d, and at once returned to Toledo and resumed his position with the Art Mosaic and Tile Company. He is a member of the Peoria Association of Commerce and he and his wife attend the Congregational Church in Peoria. Though he is a very busy man, he has not neglected his responsibilities as a citizen, giving his active support to all movements for the betterment of the city or county, and is regarded as one of Peoria's most estimable citizens.

OTTO KIESELBACH

For fifty-three years a resident of Mendota, Illinois, Otto Kieselbach is perhaps best known through his legal activities, which have covered a period of forty-seven years, and is accorded a place of distinction in his profession. A native of Germany, he was born in Treptow, Pomerania, June 19, 1854, a son of Carl and Caroline Kieselbach. His father was a contractor and an enterprising business man of high standing.

Otto Kieselbach was the fifth in order of birth in a family of nine children. His classical education was acquired in the Treptow gymnasium, and when sixteen years of age he came to the United States, attracted by its free institutions and the interest developed through the Civil war. Landing at New York, June 13, 1871, he at first led the life of the rolling stone, gathering no moss, as he was engaged in activities of various kinds, including theatrical work, until he found the foundation for his life work by coming to Mendota in 1877. In that year he became teacher of German in the east side public school and the following year was transferred to the Blackstone school, with which he was connected until 1881, proving a capable instructor. He then began the study of law with Attorney L. S. Seaman, at one time mayor of Mendota, and the next year took his senior law work in the Union College of Law at Chicago. In March, 1883, he was admitted to the bar and then formed a partnership in law and the publication of the

Mendota Reporter with Mr. Seaman, an association that was maintained until November, 1887, when Mr. Seaman left for Los Angeles, California. Mr. Kieselbach continued in the newspaper business and in the practice of law until December 15, 1915, when he sold the Reporter, and since then his attention has been concentrated upon his legal interests, which are important and extensive. To the solution of intricate legal problems he brings a comprehensive understanding of the principles of jurisprudence as well as the wisdom acquired by years of practical experience, and his logical deductions have constituted a potent force in winning verdicts favorable to the interests of his clients.

Mr. Kieselbach has also given much time, study and energy to civic affairs and his keen intelligence and broad outlook have been just as effective and resultant in behalf of the public welfare as in the management of his personal interests. He has been particularly active in movements for intellectual and cultural growth and development and in 1890 was elected one of the directors of the Blackstone school. In 1897 he was called to the presidency of the board, thus serving until 1910, when he took up, and with the assistance of other public-spirited citizens carried through the consolidation of the two Mendota school districts, which opened the way for the establishment of the township high school. After serving for over a year as president of the new board of education he voluntarily retired. He has also been active in behalf of the Graves Public Library, formerly a private institution, and has served on the boards of both institutions without intermission for a period of forty-six years, becoming president of the board in 1903, an office which he still holds. Actuated by high ideals, he uses practical methods in their attainment and has worked earnestly and effectively for the common good.

Formerly Mr. Kieselbach was a democrat of liberal views and became interested in the Greeley campaign of 1872. In 1896 he furthered the sound money campaign and served as an elector on the Palmer and Buckner ticket. In 1913 he severed his alliance with the democratic party and has since maintained an independent attitude in politics, waiting in vain for the birth of a new progressive party, more respondent to the progressive spirit of the age than either of the old political organizations.

Mr. Kieselbach was married on the 8th of January, 1885, to Miss Ottilie Volk, who died July 17, 1891. She had become the mother of two children: Oswald, who is engaged in the practice of law at Kewanee, Illinois; and Clara, who is now Mrs. Walter J. Peck, of Oakland, California, and has two children, a son and a daughter. For his second wife Mr. Kieselbach chose Miss Elise Henschel, to whom he was married July 4, 1895. He is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the La Salle County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Mr. Kieselbach has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he has found the opportunities which he sought, and in their utilization he has made continuous progress toward the goal of success. He has worthily earned the distinctive title of self-made man, and the high place which he holds in public esteem is the direct outcome of the ability which he has manifested in the conduct of his business and professional interests, his loyalty in citizenship and his upright life.

RAYMOND M. BREEDLOVE, D. D. S.

One of Pekin's well known and successful professional men is Dr. Raymond M. Breedlove, who has built up a large practice in dentistry. He was born on the 27th of January, 1903, at Wichita, Kansas, and is a son of Lawrence D. and Ida (Albert) Breedlove. His father was born and reared in Pekin, and farmed in Lake valley, near Pekin, for a number of years, but is now farming near Clarence, Missouri. To him and his wife were born four children: Charles, who is engaged in the contracting business in Detroit, Michigan, is married and has a son, Charles Boone; Marie is the wife of Taylor Ashley, a commercial traveler living at Clarence, Missouri, and they have four children, Iris, deceased, and Jack, Donald and Max; Lawrence A., a traveling salesman living at Kirksville, Missouri; and Raymond M.

Raymond M. Breedlove attended the public schools of Clarence, Missouri, graduating from the high school in 1922. He then en-

tered the dental school of St. Louis University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1926. In November of that year he entered upon the practice of his profession in Pekin and has a well equipped office at 423½ Court street. He thoroughly understands every phase of the technique of his work, is careful and painstaking and all who come in contact with him attest his ability and the satisfactory quality of his services.

Dr. Breedlove was united in marriage to Miss Lydia S. Rich, both of whose parents are deceased. Her father was at one time an extensive farmer, operating over seven hundred acres of land near Clarence, Missouri. Dr. Breedlove is a member of the Tazewell County Dental Society, the Illinois State Dental Society and the American Dental Association, and also belongs to the Tazewell Club of Pekin.

RICHARD L. BOEHME

The leading baking establishment of East Peoria is that conducted by Richard L. Boehme and his son, Paul L. Boehme, under the name of the East Peoria Bakery, at 731 East Washington street. Their up-to-date plant has been in successful operation for twenty-one years, and Mr. Boehme has enjoyed very gratifying success.

Richard L. Boehme was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, on the 11th of October, 1865, a son of Otto and Caroline Boehme, both of whom died in their native country, the father in 1904 and the mother in 1919. Richard L. Boehme acquired a good education in the public schools of Germany, where he lived until twenty-eight years of age, when he came to the United States. He resided for six months at Hoboken, New Jersey, during which time he worked at the baker's trade, and then went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he was employed in bakeries for seven years. In 1900 Mr. Boehme came to Peoria, Illinois, and followed his trade for nine years, when, ambitious for an independent business career, he started a baking establishment at his present location in East Peoria. The store and bakery occupy a space of fifty by one

hundred and sixty-three feet. During the twenty years in which he has been engaged in business here he has made many improvements and additions to his equipment, which is complete and modern in every respect, special attention being given to the sanitary conditions under which the bakery is operated. A wholesale and retail business is carried on, the daily production amounting to about eight thousand loaves of bread, besides cakes, pies and pastry.

On November 17, 1891, Mr. Boehme was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Plath, their marriage occurring in Gadebusch, Germany. She was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, and is a daughter of Frederick and Mary Plath, farming folk, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Boehme had six children, four of whom died in infancy. Their daughter, Louise, was born December 22, 1897, and her death occurred July 22, 1925, at the age of twenty-seven years. She acquired her education in the public schools of Peoria, after which she took a complete course of business training in Brown's Business College, Peoria. Later she studied to be a professional nurse, spending nearly three years at the Proctor Hospital, Peoria, previous to her illness and death. She was the wife of John Lester Caldwell, a native of Peoria, who is connected with the Boehme bakery as a deliveryman. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell had one child, who died in infancy.

Mr. Boehme's son, Paul Louis Boehme, was born in Peoria on the 19th of October, 1894, and acquired his education in the public and high schools. In 1912, while a junior in the high school, he was appointed by Congressman Claude U. Stone as a midshipman. He went to the national preparatory academy at Highland Falls, New York, and after six months in that institution he took the examinations for the United States Naval Academy. He passed a very satisfactory examination and became a mechanical engineer in the ordnance department of the army, serving in that capacity during and for one year after the war. He was honorably discharged in Peoria in October, 1920, and at once returned home and became a partner with his father in the bakery business. On August 2, 1917, he married Miss Mildred Kopp, a daughter of Charles and Margaret Kopp, of Peoria, and they are the parents of a daughter, Gloria Jean, born April 11, 1923.

P. L. Boehme is a member of Peoria Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., and is a member of the patrol of Mohammed Temple.

Richard L. Boehme belongs to Schiller Lodge, No. 335, A. F. & A. M., at Peoria; Peoria Consistory of the Scottish Rite and Mohammed Temple of the Mystic Shrine, as well as the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his wife are earnest members of the German Lutheran Church, to which he gives generous support. His father, who was a lifelong resident of Mecklenburg, Germany, had many years of military service, after which he was given charge of one of the large railroad depots under government control, holding that position for many years prior to his death. Richard L. Boehme's career has been marked by persistent and well directed industry, through which he has been prospered and he is the owner of valuable real estate in this city, mostly residential property. He is a good citizen, in the best sense of the term, for he has not only led a worthy and consistent life, but has given his support to those things which tend to promote the welfare and prosperity of his fellowmen.

ORLANDO CROWTHER POST, NO. 16, A. L.

Orlando Crowther Post, No. 16, American Legion, of Canton, Illinois, was chartered December 20, 1920, and Dr. Verne Hays was chosen its first commander. The post was named in honor of Orlando Crowther, the first soldier from Fulton county, Illinois, who was killed in action. It was the first post in the state to send a representative to the first American Legion meeting held in St. Louis, but by manipulations of the representatives from Lewistown, the county seat of Fulton county, the Lewistown post was given the first charter for Illinois.

The post first maintained rooms in the town hall of Canton but in May, 1930, purchased its present home at 243 South Main street. This is a ten-room modern home, with a basement of three rooms and two upper stories containing seven rooms. It is equipped with an individual heating plant and is furnished in the most modern and up-to-date manner. The membership of the

post, which now numbers about two hundred and seven, is steadily increasing. It is open to members every day and evening, and regular meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month. The post maintains a room for its auxiliary body, which at intervals meets with the regular members. The necessary expenses are largely met by the regular members through payment of assessments, though at times funds are obtained by the sale of tickets for dances and plays given by the post. The library is furnished with lounging chairs and equipped with cases of books, magazines and newspapers for the benefit of members, as well as the public, which is cordially invited. The present commander of Orlando Crowther Post is T. J. Harris, who saw overseas service with the Eighty-seventh Division.

JOHN U. RUTISHAUSER

Previous experience as an alderman of Mendota well qualified John U. Rutishauser for the duties of mayor, which he has capably discharged for three years, making a fine record in the office. He was born in Aurora, Illinois, March 1, 1888, and is a son of William and Emma (Hulseman) Rutishauser. The father has always resided in Aurora and is now retired. The mother, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, passed away in 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Rutishauser were the parents of two sons, John U. and Ralph.

Reared in his native city, John U. Rutishauser pursued his studies in its grammar and high schools, and on starting out in the business world he entered the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company. While with that corporation he learned telegraphy, becoming proficient in that line of activity, and then turned his attention to railroad work, in which he has engaged for a quarter of a century. During all of that period he has been in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, acting as depot and ticket agent at Mendota, and his devotion to the interests of the corporation, combined with his detailed knowledge of the railroad business, has made his work of much value to the organization which he represents.

Mr. Rutishauser was married September 26, 1912, to Miss Eva Hartman, whose parents came to the United States from Germany. The children of this marriage are: Mildred C., who was born December 18, 1914, and is a high school pupil; and John H., born January 16, 1919.

Mr. Rutishauser is a Royal Arch Mason and also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics he has long been a stalwart republican and in 1920 was elected alderman of his ward. He was called to the mayoralty in 1927 and has since been at the head of the city government, giving to the municipality a businesslike and progressive administration, characterized by needed reforms and improvements. Mayor Rutishauser has never used politics as a means of personal aggrandizement, manifesting at all times a keen sense of duty and honor, and his life in its various phases bears the test of intimate knowledge and close association.

CLARENCE THOMAS BROWN

Many of Canton's prominent business men are native sons who have found here excellent opportunities for advancement, and among the number is Clarence Thomas Brown, who is successfully engaged in the manufacture of ice cream. He was born March 16, 1900, of the marriage of William H. and Sarah Mae (Parson) Brown, the latter a native of England. As a child the mother came to the United States with her parents who settled in Fulton county, Illinois, where she has since resided, and has long been active in the work of the Methodist Church of Canton. William H. Brown was born in Chillicothe, Illinois, and removed to Canton when a young man of twenty years. Here he opened a grocery store and continued in that business throughout his active life. A man of genial nature, he was ever courteous and considerate in his attitude toward his associates, and had a wide circle of friends in Fulton county. In civic affairs he ever manifested a deep interest and made liberal contributions to many institutions and projects of worth, donating to the Methodist Church its fine pipe organ. He was a devout mem-

ber of the church and also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His life was brought to a close in the spring of 1913 and he was laid to rest in the Canton cemetery. His father served in the Civil war and became one of the pioneer settlers of Chillicothe, Illinois.

After acquiring a public school education Clarence T. Brown was with a poultry house for a time and then secured a situation in the Parlin & Orendorf Plow Works, where he remained for three years. During the following year he was a locomotive fireman for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad and then returned to the plow works. About two years later he entered the establishment of his father-in-law, Joseph Ferrara, a dealer in ice cream and candy, and continued in his employ until 1926, when he purchased the business. It was founded in 1913 by Mr. Ferrara, who started with a very limited capital. Since taking over the business Mr. Brown has purchased new machinery, effecting a marked transformation in the appearance of the plant, which is modern throughout and is equipped to manufacture one hundred thousand gallons of ice cream per year. Neatness and order prevail throughout the institution, which turned out thirty thousand gallons of ice cream in 1929 and is the only factory of the kind in Canton. The output is of high grade and fine candies are also made in this establishment. Two trucks are used in delivering the product, which is sold to both wholesale and retail dealers and is steadily gaining in popularity with the trade. The Brown ice cream factory at 138 South Main street was erected at an expenditure of forty thousand dollars and furnishes employment to nine persons. On the ground floor of the building there is an up-to-date confectionery store and this is capably managed by Mrs. Brown, who has been a real helpmate to her husband, ever ready to assist him in solving difficult commercial problems. The business is efficiently and profitably conducted and is steadily expanding.

It was on the 1st of February, 1923, that Mr. Brown married Miss Clara Ferrara, who was born in Italy, June 19, 1902, and at the age of two years came to the United States with her parents, Joseph and Mary Ferrara, who settled in Canton, Illinois. Here she obtained her education, graduating from high school in

1920. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have one child, Norma N., born March 21, 1926.

Mrs. Brown is a Roman Catholic in religious faith and both she and her husband are members of the Country Club. He also belongs to the Canton Gun Club and the Hoxie Ridge Hunting Club and obtains relaxation and diversion in hunting, fishing and in playing golf. His fraternal affiliations are with the Moose, the Eagles and the Modern Woodmen of America and he is likewise identified with the Young Men's Christian Association. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and lends his support to all public projects of worth, but has neither sought nor held political office. Early in life he realized the fact that there is no excellence without labor, and unflagging industry has constituted the basis of his advancement. Although but thirty years of age, he has already progressed far on the high road which leads to success and his future is most promising, for he is a young man of marked ability and enterprise, thoroughly reliable and dependable in every relation of life.

LEON BROWNING KINSEY

Leon Browning Kinsey, president of the Kinsey Engineering Company of Pekin, Illinois, is one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of the city. He was born near Mackinaw, Tazewell county, Illinois, October 23, 1880. His parents were Nicholas Biddle and Caroline (Hatcher) Kinsey. The father was born at Culpeper Court House, Virginia, July 8, 1839, and died in Tazewell county, Illinois, in 1887. For many years he was a highly respected and widely known farmer. The family came from stanch Virginia stock which throughout early American history figured prominently in the cause of liberty. At the time of his death Nicholas Biddle Kinsey was serving as superintendent of the county farm near Tremont, Illinois. He was a democrat in politics and a devoted member of the Christian Church. His wife was born at Mackinaw, Illinois, July 6, 1844 and died at Pekin, Illinois, August 8, 1925. She was the daughter of Lewis Hatcher and Elizabeth (Puterbaugh) Hatcher, who



LEON B. KINSEY

were widely and favorably known farming folk of the Mackinaw valley.

The parents of Leon Browning Kinsey were believers in education and though the father died when Leon was still a small boy it was always understood that he should have an education. He attended the schools at Mackinaw and finished the high school, after which he entered the Illinois State Normal University, at Normal, Illinois, where he distinguished himself as an athlete. After two and one-half years Mr. Kinsey dropped out of school and became a teacher. He was very thrifty, saved his money and after two years of teaching experience entered the University of Illinois. He graduated in 1907 as a civil engineer. Upon graduation Mr. Kinsey went to Oklahoma where he had been appointed as a teacher of civil engineering in the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College. His ability was soon recognized and at the end of one year he became an associate in the firm of Earl & Green, consulting engineers for the city of Muskogee. He received additional recognition of his ability when at the end of the next year he was appointed city engineer of Muskogee. In 1910 opportunities developed in Illinois that brought him back to his native state. He opened offices at Peoria, under the title of Kinsey Engineering Company. Mr. Kinsey is the sole proprietor of the firm and from the first its success has been outstanding. In 1917 the firm moved to Pekin, Illinois, and located in the Marshall building, its present home. It is one of the most widely known firms in the state, and has been a pioneer in the field of drainage and sewage. Most of the larger municipalities throughout the center of the state have called on them for professional services in paving, sewage, or drainage in the last fifteen years. The Kinsey Engineering Company has builded an enviable reputation for thoroughness and superior work, many cities have been served more than once and this in itself speaks of a high type of service.

On June 10, 1901, in Springfield, Illinois, Mr. Kinsey was united in marriage to Alice Rich, a native of that city and the daughter of Benjamin and Anne (Mowry) Rich. Her father, who is deceased, served as county recorder of Sangamon county for years. The mother still resides in Springfield. Alice (Rich)

Kinsey was educated in the grade and high schools of Springfield, Illinois, the State Normal University, and the University of Illinois. She is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Club of University Women, Pekin Women's Club and its past president, and a member of the executive board of the State Parent-Teacher Association. Mr. and Mrs. Kinsey have one son, John Rich Kinsey. He is a graduate of Pekin high school, attended Lake Forest Academy one year and is now a sophomore at the University of Illinois.

In politics Mr. Kinsey is a republican and has always taken an active interest in local public affairs. In April, 1927, he was elected mayor of the city of Pekin for a four year term. Always keenly interested in public education Mr. Kinsey served for seven years as president of the Board of Education. In this capacity he was instrumental in inaugurating the building program of the public schools and bringing the physical equipment to a high point of efficiency. He is a member of the Christian Church, Mackinaw Lodge, No. 132, A. F. & A. M., Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R., Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Tazewell Club, Pekin Country Club, Association of Commerce, Acacia fraternity, American Society of Civil Engineers, and the University Club of Peoria.

Leon Browning Kinsey has lead a very active life. He has been a keen student of community needs and has at all times given freely of his time. His service to this city as mayor during a city-wide paving program has meant the saving of thousands of dollars and a very superior type of paving. He is a resident of which any city might justly be proud.

ULYSSES G. ORENDORFF

For many years Ulysses G. Orendorff has occupied a place of deserved prominence in the industrial, commercial and civic affairs of Canton and Fulton county, Illinois, and is conceded to be one of the most progressive and public-spirited men who have honored this section of the state by their lives and activities. His business interests are manifold in number and character and

abundant success has crowned his efforts—a success which in his case is a blessing to the world, for his broad-minded philanthropy has touched and helped many worthy organizations and causes. Mr. Orendorff was born in Canton, September 15, 1865, and is a son of W. J. Orendorff, the founder and promoter of large enterprises in early days, in a period when vision, courage, industry, judgment and honesty were rightly appraised qualities in the business world. Mr. Orendorff received his early education in the Canton public schools, after which he attended Williston Seminary at Easthampton, Massachusetts, and Northwestern University, at Evanston, Illinois. He first took a personal part in the manufacturing business in 1886, and three years later was made assistant secretary of the Parlin & Orendorff Company, of which his father was one of the principal owners. In 1891 he became secretary and in 1896 was also made treasurer. A few years later a business publication reported, “His father, W. J. Orendorff, has gradually withdrawn from active participation in the business affairs of the company and entrusted his interests to his son, who has held his position long enough to demonstrate his fitness for carrying on its responsibilities. . . . U. G. Orendorff’s strong individuality already has made for him a reputation outside his own company.” Thus, at that time, as an officer, Mr. Orendorff had supervision over the entire business of Parlin & Orendorff Company with extensive branches at Kansas City, Dallas, Texas, St. Louis, Omaha, Minneapolis, and Winnipeg, Canada, in addition to that world-wide trade of the parent company at Canton. In his management of the business Mr. Orendorff exhibited a determination to make his company second to none in its line of business and to this end he saw to it that the extension of the plant facilities kept full pace with the expansion of trade. One of his notable achievements along this line was the building, in connection with the Canton works, of the largest and finest power plant connected with any factory in the state of Illinois. In July, 1919, the Canton works were sold to the International Harvester Company of America, the Parlin & Orendorff Company retaining its corporate name and U. G. Orendorff Company, successor, owning its various branch houses. At that time Mr. Orendorff was fifty per cent owner of the Parlin &

Orendorff business and is still serving as its president, also president of U. G. Orendorff Company.

Mr. Orendorff's interests were not confined to the great corporation just described, for his tremendous capacity for work and his broad comprehension of business conditions led him into other channels of activity, and today he is the president of the First State Bank and Trust Company of Canton and is interested in eight or ten banks in Chicago and elsewhere. He has a remarkably strong and accurate grasp of financial conditions, both local and national, and his early thought in regard to the solution of the country's financial problems was along the line later established through the federal reserve banking system, which has proved its stability and worth. Mr. Orendorff is also the sole owner of the Canton Daily Ledger, which he has developed into a prosperous and successful property, and he possesses and operates thousands of acres of valuable and productive Illinois farm land, as well as real estate holdings in many other states. He was one of the organizers of the Illinois Manufacturers Association and has always been one of its most active and efficient members. In 1905 he was elected president of that organization and his term was characterized by an extraordinary amount of labor on his part to promote the interests of the manufacturers of this state. He was prominent in the National Association of Manufacturers of Agricultural Implements and Vehicles. He was the president and prime mover in the organization of the Illinois Central Electric Railroad Company, but in July, 1906, after the railway had become a going concern, he sold his stock and withdrew from the board of directors. In many other ways also Mr. Orendorff has shown a live and effective concern in behalf of the business interests of his state and has long been regarded as one of its leading representatives. An evidence of his versatility of business talent is shown in his outstanding success as a newspaper publisher. Starting the Canton Daily Ledger on October 5, 1912, he made it a success from the start and for many years it has been recognized as one of the best dailies in any of the smaller cities of this part of the country.

Mr. Orendorff was united in marriage to Miss Daise Rhea Baughman, and they are the parents of a daughter, Helen, a young woman of many accomplishments and exceptionally pleas-

ing personality, who is the wife of Judson E. Roberts, of California.

In the civic affairs of his home city and county Mr. Orendorff has been conspicuous for his sincere efforts to promote the general welfare and has been honored by numerous positions of responsibility. On May 2, 1923, he was the unanimous choice of the board of directors for the first president of the city park commission, a position which he has held to the present time, this honor coming to him in recognition of his work in originating Canton's splendid system of parks and playgrounds and his industry in seeing his plans carefully carried out. During the World war none worked harder or more continuously for the success of the government's various war measures, having served as chairman for the third, fourth and fifth Liberty Loans, the Young Men's Christian Association, the United War Work, the Red Cross, the council of defense, the certificates of indebtedness and as chief of the American Protective Association. In all of these Fulton county stood at the top of the state list in organization and results, more than ten million dollars being raised in this county for war purposes under Mr. Orendorff's direction.

On November 12, 1922, through the thoughtfulness and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Orendorff, Fulton county came formally into possession of a magnificent granite and bronze memorial dedicated to her heroes who gave up their lives in the World war. The symbolical monument erected in Jones park, Canton, required the quarrying of over fifteen tons of New England granite to make the pedestal. The beautiful models for the monument were made by Pompeo Coppini, of Chicago, one of the greatest of this country's sculptors. They also made a more recent gift of a magnificent set of chimes to the Methodist Episcopal Church. During the years many other evidences of Mr. Orendorff's philanthropy have been manifest, for he has constantly supported every worthy cause by his influence and his means, giving liberally to all religious, educational and civic organizations, besides various liberal donations to local and national emergency relief work.

One of the most pleasing events in Mr. Orendorff's career was when, on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday he was presented with a handsome volume bound in brown limp leather, and which

contained congratulations in regard to his anniversary and the autograph signatures of about one hundred and forty-five of the names of foremen and heads of departments who had been with the Orendorff company for twenty years or longer, in a few instances the period of service amounting to fifty-two years. Mr. Orendorff is a member of a large number of clubs scattered throughout the United States. Such a man could not help but be popular, for to a marked degree he possesses those qualities which make for lasting friendships and the good will of those who come in contact with him. He has honored his city and county by his life and labors and has well merited the enviable place which he holds in public esteem.

MARTIN J. McGETTRICK

One of Seneca's old and well known citizens is Martin J. McGettrick, who for a score of years has conducted an up-to-date and popular hotel here and has during this period taken an active part in promoting the city's commercial and civic interests. He was born in Ottawa, Illinois, on the 1st of January, 1860, a son of Michael and Margaret (Costello) McGettrick. His father was a native of Ireland and came to the United States in young manhood. Later he engaged in the grocery business, which he conducted at the time of his death. To him and his wife were born nine children, Mary, Nellie, Margaret, Loretta, Anna, William, Martin J., Charles and John.

Martin J. McGettrick received his education in the public and parochial schools of his native city, after which he engaged in business, establishing a grocery store and saloon. He ran that business successfully for twenty years and then, in 1910, came to Seneca and erected a hotel, which he has conducted to the present time. He has proven well adapted to this line of business and has devoted his attention closely to the comfort of his guests, through whom he has gained a wide reputation as a painstaking and progressive manager. The hotel is well furnished and equipped in every respect and is a very popular stopping place with the traveling public. In addition to his valuable hotel prop-

erty in this city, Mr. McGettrick is the owner of several tracts of well improved farm land.

Mr. McGettrick was united in marriage, April 15, 1885, to Miss Mary Murphy, a daughter of Michael and Julia (Roony) Murphy, and they are the parents of two children: Mary, who is the wife of Tom Noren, of Seneca, and the mother of three children, Mary, Thomas and Loretta; and Genevieve, who is the wife of Robert Flanigan, of Lafayette, Indiana, and the mother of two children. Mr. McGettrick is a democrat in his political views, is a member of the Knights of Columbus and is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church. He is a genial and agreeable man in his social relations and has a host of warm and loyal friends throughout the community.

FRED A. LONG

In the field of education Fred A. Long has been conspicuous in Calhoun county, having served as teacher and principal for a number of years and for the past six years has in a very capable and satisfactory manner filled the office of county superintendent of schools. He was born at Brighton, Macoupin county, Illinois, on the 1st of October, 1879, and is a son of Charles P. and Ella Louise (Bording) Long, the latter of whom was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1854, and died on February 8, 1927. Charles P. Long was born at Delhi, Jersey county, this state, on September 12, 1848, a son of Peter Long. The latter came in an early day from New Jersey to Jersey county, Illinois, of which locality he was a pioneer. His wife died in 1849, when their son was but a small baby. There were no railroads at that time and after the death of the wife and mother, Mr. Long carried the baby in a basket to St. Louis and there placed him in the home of his sister. Charles P. was there reared to young manhood, receiving a good education in Christian Brothers College. He returned to Jersey county as a young man. He married Ella Louise Bording, who was educated in Greenville Seminary and taught school prior to her marriage. Mr. Long has served as a justice of the peace for the past fifty-six years at Brighton. He is a democrat in politics,

as are all of his seven sons, all of whom take an active part in political affairs. Mr. Long is a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife served as treasurer of her school district for twenty-six consecutive years. Mr. and Mrs. Long became the parents of seven sons, namely: Sylvester, who is single and lives with his father, has been township assessor for twenty years; Derbes is connected with an oil company at Roxanna; Fred A., of this review; Leonard, who is a merchant in Upper Alton, Illinois; Jerome W., who is an auctioneer at Brighton, is a veteran of the World war, in which he served as a drill sergeant at Le Mans, France, his good voice and knowledge of military tactics fitting him for the position of instructor; Eliot, who is principal of schools at Madison, Illinois, and Walter, of Jerseyville.

Fred A. Long attended the rural schools of Jersey county and graduated from the Brighton high school. He attended the Barnes Business College, in St. Louis, and prepared for his life work by taking a course in the Western Illinois Normal School at Macomb, Illinois. He taught four years in the rural schools, and then became principal of the Otterville school, at which place the first public school in Illinois was established, and was at that time the home of the noted emancipator, Dr. Silas Hamilton, who bought and at once freed twenty-seven slaves. After serving three years at the head of the Otterville schools, Mr. Long accepted a similar position at Fidelity, where he remained three years. He was principal of the schools at Medora for five years, after which he came to Hardin, where he organized the first high school in Calhoun county, which graduated its first class in 1919. He has served as superintendent of the county schools for the past six years and the superior quality of his work has been reflected in the high standard of efficiency which has been maintained in the schools under his supervision. In addition to being an exceptionally able educator, Mr. Long is also widely known as a very successful auctioneer, in which line of work he has been engaged for twenty-five years. He sells livestock, real estate and personal property, and has a reputation for getting good prices at his sales.

Mr. Long was united in marriage to Miss Myrta Mollahan, a daughter of J. H. Mollahan, of Dessie, Braxton county, West Vir-

ginia. She attended the public schools of her home county, graduating from high school at Sutton, and was a teacher for five years prior to her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Long are the parents of six children, as follows: Avis, who died at the age of five years; Elsie, aged nine years; Verna, aged eight years; Wilma, aged six years; Mabel and Macel, twins. Mr. Long gives his political support to the democratic party, in which he has been active and has attended many conventions. He is an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is the ruling elder, and for the past fourteen years has taught the young people's division of the Sunday school. He belongs to the Illinois State Teachers' Association and the National Education Association, and is very highly regarded in these circles.

ANTON A. HALLBERG

The art of photography has reached a perfection of technique in these days which demands of the operator the highest measure of artistic talent and technical knowledge if he would rise above the average in results. In Anton A. Hallberg is found a man who has devoted his active life to this exacting calling, in which he has risen to a proud position because of the superior and appealing quality of his work. In his studio in the Tribune building, La Salle, have been produced many of the finest examples of portrait photography, in which he specializes, and he is regarded as one of the leading artists in his line in the central west.

Mr. Hallberg was born in Sweden, January 2, 1874, a son of B. J. and Lena Hallberg, also natives of that country. The family came to the United States in 1883 and located in Osage City, Kansas, where the father became a coal mine operator, which business he followed to the time of his death, in 1902. His wife passed away in Osage City in the preceding year.

Anton A. Hallberg received his early educational training in the public schools of Osage City, Kansas. Immediately on leaving school he took up the study of photography, in which he made rapid advancement, and has followed that profession continuously to the present time. At one time he conducted fifteen studios in

the states of Oklahoma, Kansas, Indiana and Illinois, and in 1919 he came to La Salle and opened a modern studio. He has been extraordinarily successful in this enterprise, and his is now generally recognized as the leading photographic studio of this section of the state. Mr. Hallberg's slogan is "Every picture a work of art," and he takes a justifiable pride in the high quality of his work and the uniform satisfaction which he has rendered to his patrons. Mr. Hallberg also teaches portrait photography, and does much portrait work in the homes of his subjects. He has been an exhibitor at the conventions of the Photographers Association of America and won a gold medal on his work. He is an active member of that organization, among the members of which he is very highly regarded.

Mr. Hallberg is a republican in his political views and his religious connection is with the Congregational Church. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

SWEENEY FAMILY

The long and prominent connection of the Sweeney family with the history of Schuyler county dates back to 1851, when Dr. Jesse Sweeney came here from Kentucky, his native state. Of sturdy pioneer stock, he was born in Casey county in 1800 and his early life was spent on the home farm. Having completed a medical course in the old Transylvania University at Lexington, Kentucky, he followed his profession in the Blue Grass state until he opened an office in Rushville, Illinois, where he practiced successfully for twelve years, here passing away in 1863. As one of the early physicians of this locality he was widely known and his sympathetic, kindly nature made him greatly beloved. Keenly interested in politics, he was first a whig and when the republican party was formed he became one of its stanch adherents. Dr. Sweeney enjoyed high standing as a physician and his office was on the site of the building now used for the Culbertson Nurses' Home, which for more than seventy-

five years has been associated with medical practice in Rushville. In young manhood he had married Minerva Sanders, also a native of Kentucky, who long survived him, departing this life in 1887.

Their son, John Linn Sweeney, the eighth in their family of ten children was born in Harrodsburg, Kentucky, September 16, 1842, and when a lad of nine years removed with his parents to Illinois. He attended the public schools of Rushville, and in 1861, when nineteen years of age, enlisted in Company B of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Colonel Kinney, and later was transferred to Company K. A valiant soldier, he was with the western branch of the Union Army in the Red River campaign, and remained in the service for three years, acting as regimental postmaster for a portion of that time. Early in life he entered mercantile circles of Rushville, locating in Galva, Illinois, after his marriage, and for a time was in business at Ray. In 1881 he returned to Rushville and in the following year was admitted to a partnership in the mercantile firm of Wilson & Company. Its founder, Thomas Wilson, began his mercantile career in Rushville in 1837 and twenty years later established the business which has ever since borne his name. In 1888 John L. Sweeney and Hiram Graff were partners in the business and this relationship existed until the death of Thomas Wilson in 1898, when Mr. Graff retired. Throughout the remainder of his life Mr. Sweeney retained his connection with the business and at his demise at the venerable age of more than eighty-five years he was Rushville's oldest merchant. He was also prominently identified with financial interests of the town and for many years served as vice president of the Rushville State Bank, of which he was likewise a director.

On the 20th of February, 1867, Mr. Sweeney was married to Miss Amelia L. Wilson, who died August 27, 1925. Her father, Thomas Wilson, a native of Ireland, was born in 1812 in County Tyrone, where his parents, Thomas and Jane (Greer) Wilson, were married in 1801. Thomas Wilson (I), born in 1768, became a Methodist and was among the earliest members of that church in Ireland. At the age of twenty his son Thomas came to America, reaching Philadelphia in 1832, and secured work as

a farm hand. Later he went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was married September 18, 1834, to Susan Clarke, a daughter of John Clarke, with whom the young couple resided until 1837, when they proceeded westward to Illinois. They settled in Rushville and here Mr. Wilson opened a small store. He had the usual experiences of the pioneer merchant, overcoming many obstacles and difficulties in his struggle to obtain a livelihood, and as soon as he had become well established returned to Ireland for his parents. His mother died before reaching this country but the father made the trip to the new world and lived with his son until December, 1854, when he, too, responded to the final summons. Interested in financial as well as commercial affairs, Thomas Wilson in 1870 became one of the organizers of the Merchants Bank of Rushville, which existed for a period of four years, closing its doors in 1874, after all accounts had been paid in full. Subsequently he purchased stock in the Bank of Schuyler County, of which he was elected president in 1890, and was an important factor in its affairs until his death in 1898. A Methodist in religious belief, he contributed substantially toward the maintenance of his church, and was noted for his generosity and public spirit as well as for his business sagacity and integrity. His heart was filled with human sympathy and prompted his many acts of kindness and charity, which were never advertised, being known only to the recipients thereof. His daughter, Mrs. John L. Sweeney, became the mother of five children: Eleanor, now the wife of Dr. Charles W. Graff, of Tecumseh, Nebraska; Jessie Mildred, who is Mrs. Harry B. Fisher, of Streator, Illinois; Thomas W. and Frank L., of Rushville; and Susan Sanders, the wife of Arthur Griffith, of Azusa, California.

Mr. Sweeney gave his political support to the republican party and was long a faithful member of the Rushville Methodist Episcopal Church, in which his funeral was held. His pastor, the Rev. Charles W. Monson, conducted the obsequies and during the hour of the service all of the banks and business houses here were closed as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. Sweeney. At his passing the editor of a local paper said: "As senior member of the mercantile firm of The Wilson Company, Mr. Sweeney was the last of our city's old-time business men, with a record dating

back for a period of forty-five years. But it was not along business lines that Mr. Sweeney rendered service to the city, for he saw fit to give his time and efforts in many other ways to aid and encourage the better things of life and work for the moral and spiritual uplift of the community. He was intensely interested in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school. For a long term of years he served as assistant superintendent, and three or four generations of our people will recall his cordial greetings and words of good cheer in associating him with this life work. As treasurer of the Methodist Episcopal Church he likewise served many years. He was a noble citizen and was always on the right side of moral questions and gave freely of his time and means to all worthy enterprises.

"He was one of the charter members in the organization of Colonel Horney Post, G. A. R. (April 8, 1882) and served as post commander along with other offices and for many years was quartermaster, a post of honor he held at the time of his death. As a citizen of Rushville his wise counsel, his fearless stand for what he believed was right, his willingness to work with others in all public enterprises added to his sphere of usefulness in the community where his long life was spent. As a patriot he was loyal and zealous, as a man he was devout and dependable, as a citizen he was progressive and useful, and as a friend he was ever kind and helpful, with a cheery word for all. Such a man could not fail to be missed in the community where he proved faithful to every trust."

His son, Thomas W. Sweeney, was born in Galva, Henry county, Illinois, October 2, 1875, and was a lad of six years when the family returned to Rushville in 1881. Here he pursued his education until his graduation from high school in 1893 and in 1894 went to Evanston, Illinois, where he was a student in the College of Liberal Arts of Northwestern University for a year. Returning to Rushville in 1895, he entered the business which had been founded by his maternal grandfather and carried forward by his father. For two years he worked as a clerk and was then promoted to the position of manager. His brother, Frank L. Sweeney, later entered the store, of which the two sons of John L. Sweeney are now the proprietors, conducting business

under the style of the Sweeney Shop. Established in 1837, the institution has endured for ninety-four years and is one of the oldest mercantile houses in the Illinois River Valley. The history of the business is a record of continuous growth, due to the sagacity, foresight and high commercial standards of its owners, and in business circles of this part of the country the firm name is synonymous with enterprise and reliability. Three generations of the family have contributed to the success of The Wilson Company, which operates on a large scale, drawing its trade from a wide area. The store, which is one hundred and twenty by twenty-four feet, is the only one of its kind for many miles and has always handled merchandise of high grade. Thomas W. and Frank L. Sweeney are also the proprietors of the Sweeney Shop, which carries a complete line of ready-made garments for women and children, and their father was likewise identified with this establishment, which is liberally patronized. The sons are joint owners of valuable and extensive tracts of farm lands and city property and Thomas W. Sweeney is interested in the raising of blooded cattle.

On the 1st of June, 1899, Thomas W. Sweeney was married to Miss Maude H. Rottger, who obtained her high school education in Jacksonville, Illinois. Her father, John Rottger, a well known undertaker and furniture dealer of Jacksonville, died in 1901 and the mother bore the maiden name of Anna Carlisle. Their son, C. H. Rottger, fills a responsible position with the Bell Telephone Company. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney were the parents of a son, Thomas W., Jr., who was born April 13, 1901, and died in infancy.

Mr. Sweeney gives his political allegiance to the republican party and his wife is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the P. E. O. Club. During the World war he was at Camp Grant, Illinois, in charge of Red Cross work there. While a student at Northwestern University he was a tennis champion and in Evanston he joined Phi Kappa Sigma, a scholastic fraternity. Identified with both the York and Scottish Rite bodies of Masons, he belongs to the commandery at Rushville and to the consistory at Quincy, while he is also a noble of the Mystic Shrine at Springfield, Illinois. A leading spirit in the promotion of

civic projects, Mr. Sweeney is without doubt the foremost community worker in Rushville. He aided in securing Scripps Park for the city, is chairman of the committee in charge of its golf course and also chairman of the grounds committee. He organized the Rushville Business Men's Club, becoming its secretary, and was also secretary and manager of the Rushville Light Company, which was owned by the Sweeney family for some time. He became a charter member of the 22 Club, in which he has held office, and is president of the library board. He is also responsible for the organization of the Rushville Community Club, which he now represents as president, and is esteemed and respected for his civic achievements as well as for what he has accomplished along business lines.

Frank L. Sweeney, the younger son of John L. Sweeney, was born in Ray, Schuyler county, Illinois, November 12, 1877, and obtained his high school education in Rushville, graduating with the class of 1894. He pursued a two years' course in Northwestern University and for a similar period was a student at Lehigh University. For a time he was identified with the grocery trade in Rushville and served as secretary and business manager of the Light Company here for a number of years. In 1903 he joined his father and brother in the store of Wilson & Company and for twenty-six years he has concentrated his attention upon the business, fostering its growth by close attention to detail and the exercise of his executive force. He and his brother are joint owners of the store and have made judicious investments in farm lands and city realty.

Frank L. Sweeney was married July 31, 1921, to Mrs. Thelma J. Krieg, who was born, reared and educated in Wisconsin. By her first marriage she became the mother of a son, Kenneth Krieg, who is connected with a bonding company of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney have one child, John Franklin, born April 1, 1925. The parents are members of the Rushville Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Sweeney is secretary of its board. Both he and his wife are republicans and Mrs. Sweeney is active in the Parent-Teacher Association and the Woman's Club. Mr. Sweeney belongs to the Scripps Golf Club and also finds recreation in hunting, fishing and gardening. In Masonry he has connection with the

York Rite and is also a Shriner. The 22 Club numbers him among its charter members and he is likewise identified with the Rushville Community Club, in which he has held office, and with the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity. Like his brother, he is one of the boosters of his town and has a wide circle of friends, who speak of him in terms of high regard.

OSCAR FAUSER, JR.

One of Peoria's industries which is not only enjoying a steady and substantial growth, but has an almost unlimited field for the extension of its business, is the Showay Semaphore Signal Company, of which Oscar Fauser, Jr., is vice president. Mr. Fauser is the designer of this excellent device and is well meriting the success which is attending him. He was born in New York city on the 4th of July, 1902, and is a son of Oscar, Sr., and Emma (Keonninger) Fauser. His father was born in Feuerbach, Stuttgart, Germany, and when fifteen years of age accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States. They settled in Peoria, where he went to work for his uncle, E. Godel, with whom he remained until nineteen years of age, when he returned to New York city, through which he had passed on arriving in this country. He became connected with one of the large hotels of the metropolis, and remained in that city until 1911, when he returned to Peoria and bought the Faust hotel, which he managed for three years. He then became interested in other business enterprises, to which he gave his attention until he bought the old Farmers hotel, at 610 North Adams street, which he still runs. He married Miss Emma Keonninger, who was born in New York state on August 21, 1879, and is a daughter of Albert and Willimena Keonninger, the former of whom has been deceased for many years. He was an early manufacturer of surgical instruments, which were made by hand for the leading hospitals and surgeons of New York and other cities, being a leader in that line for many years. To Oscar and Emma Fauser were born five children, as follows: Dorothy is the wife of Harold G. Gerber, who is engaged in the garage business in Peoria, and they have



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a son, Dale Eugene; Albert, who died in infancy; William, who died in infancy; Louis, who is attending school and expects to take up the life insurance business on the completion of his education; and Oscar, Jr., of this review.

Oscar Fauser, Jr., was about nine years of age when his parents brought their family to Peoria, and here he attended the public schools, graduating from the Manual Training high school in 1921. He spent two years in the Bradley Polytechnic Institute, of Peoria, after which he developed the semaphore directional signal for automobiles. In February, 1927, a company was organized for its manufacture, with the following officers: Emil Locher, president, Rudolph Ernstberger, vice president; Oscar Fauser, Jr., secretary, and Oscar Fauser, Sr., treasurer. On November 12, 1928, the company was reorganized, with S. L. McKinney as president; Oscar Fauser, Jr., as vice president; E. S. Kaylor, secretary and treasurer, with Oscar Fauser as an additional member of the board of directors. The office and factory are located at 119 North Washington street, and the latter contains up-to-date machinery for the proper and economical manufacture of the semaphore safety signal. The company is shipping the signal device to many states and is now in a position to manufacture and fill orders of any size.

Mr. Fauser was married on June 24, 1926, to Miss Maude E. Barlow, who was born on June 27, 1907, and is a daughter of Paul and Lillian Barlow. They are the parents of two children, Richard Paul, born on July 11, 1927, and Robert Louis, born on October 13, 1929. Mr. Fauser is a member of the Cosmopolitan Club, a men's luncheon club, and is a very popular member of the circles in which he moves.

SPENCER B. WALDRON

Spencer B. Waldron, cashier of the Bank of Hamburg, at Hamburg, Calhoun county, is one of the leading citizens of his section of the state, having been identified in his present capacity with this bank for twenty-two years. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 2d of August, 1882, and is a son of John W.

and Mary (Strickland) Waldron. His father was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served as corporal in Company B, Eightieth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was engaged in the hotel business in St. Louis for many years, to the time of his death, in 1889. He was an ardent democrat in his political views and was influential in the councils of his party. In 1888 he was a candidate for congress on the democratic ticket. The mother, who was a nurse during the Civil war, died April 2, 1904. To their union were born seven children, of whom Spencer B. is the youngest and the only one living.

After the death of his father, Spencer B. Waldron moved with his mother to Hamburg, Illinois, and attended the public schools of that place. He graduated from the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois, in 1904, and two years later took a post-graduate course in the Eastman College, at Poughkeepsie, New York. From 1904 to 1906 he was a member of a United States surveying crew, acting as rodman in surveys along the United States-Canadian border and along the reaches of the upper Mississippi river. Prior to the organization of the Bank of Hamburg he was employed in the First National Bank at Boulder, Colorado. In 1907 the Bank of Hamburg was organized with J. G. Kinder as president; B. H. Williams, vice president; and Spencer B. Waldron as cashier, these gentlemen, with Anton and Frank Dirksmeyer, being directors. Mr. Waldron is now the only one of the organizers who is still connected with the bank. He has shown excellent judgment in all of his affairs and in his capacity as cashier has been a very important factor in the growth and prosperity of this well known financial institution. Mr. Waldron has been very successful in his individual affairs and is serving as district agent for the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. He is the owner of six hundred acres of land and is also one of the largest fruit growers in Calhoun county, having ten thousand bearing apple trees and three thousand peach trees, covering two hundred and fifty acres. He specializes in Golden Delicious apples and Elberta peaches, though he raises many other varieties of each. In 1929 he erected a large packing plant at Hamburg, which is modern in every respect and has a capacity of fifteen hundred bushels of fruit per day.

On June 11, 1911, Mr. Waldron was united in marriage to Miss Sadie B. Williams, of Hamburg, a daughter of Hamilton H. and Malissa (Crader) Williams. Her father, a native of Virginia, followed farming for many years, but later retired. He was a democrat in his political views and was very active in public affairs. He died February 8, 1922, and is survived by his widow, who is a native of Calhoun county. In his political adherency Mr. Waldron is a republican. He served as mayor of Hamburg from 1919 to 1925, was manager of Governor Emmer-son's campaign in Calhoun county in 1928, and in that year also served on the senatorial committee. During the late war he, as the active head of the Bank of Hamburg, was chairman of the Liberty Loan drives for the northern part of Calhoun county. From 1901 to 1904 he was a member of the Fifth Regiment, Illinois National Guards.

LUTHER L. GORDON

Luther L. Gordon, one of the younger representatives of business interests in Rushville, is a licensed embalmer and prominent undertaker, known throughout Schuyler county in this connection. He was born in Mystic, near Centerville, in Appanoose county, Iowa, December 8, 1894, and is of English descent. On coming to this country his early ancestors settled on the Atlantic coast and in later generations the family was represented in Kentucky and Ohio. Leaving the Buckeye state in 1830, the paternal grandfather of Luther L. Gordon removed to McDonough county, Illinois, and there followed agricultural pursuits for a number of years. Upon the home farm near Colchester, in McDonough county, his son, Thomas T. Gordon, was born June 12, 1856, and worked for a time in the coal mines of Illinois. He also cultivated a farm and conducted a meat market. Traveling westward, he spent a few years in Iowa and then returned to his native state, in which he still resides. He makes his home in McDonough county and has found the raising of poultry a profitable occupation. He has served on the school board and is interested in everything that tends to promote the development and advancement of his

district. His political support is given to the democratic party and his fraternal affiliations are with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married Margaret Ann Conley, a daughter of Stephen A. Conley, who came to this country from Ireland, settling in Ohio, whence he removed soon afterward to McDonough county, Illinois. His daughter, Mrs. Gordon, was born May 2, 1856, and passed away December 23, 1910, in the faith of the Christian Church. She had reached the fifty-fourth milestone on life's journey and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Colchester. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gordon there were seven children: Gertrude, who was married to John Carmen and is living in Pollock, Sullivan county, Missouri; Stephen Louis, deceased; Benjamin, whose home is in Peoria, Illinois; Minnie, who became the wife of Alva Davis and is now deceased; Raymond, a resident of Washington, Tazewell county, Illinois; Luther L.; and Viola M., who was employed as a visiting nurse by the city of Peoria and in the discharge of her duties contracted influenza, which caused her death October 10, 1918.

Luther L. Gordon acquired his early instruction in a district school of McDonough county and attended the Fountain Green high school in Hancock county, Illinois. For a few years he assisted his father in the cultivation and improvement of the home farm and then obtained work in a barber shop. In 1916 he came to Rushville and here followed the trade until May 27, 1917, when he enlisted in the United States Army for service in the World war. Assigned to Base Hospital Unit, No. 14, he was stationed at Camp Custer, Michigan, and due to physical disability was honorably discharged July 25, 1918. With his return to Rushville he resumed work as a barber and was thus engaged until 1920, when he became an assistant to R. A. Lawler, a local mortician, with whom he continued for three years. Going to Chicago, he took a course in the Worsham College of Embalming and received a license in March, 1924. Afterward he was employed by funeral directors of Streator and Canton, Illinois, and in February, 1926, returned to Rushville as an assistant in the establishment of the R. A. Lawler Company. He was similarly connected with the Charles H. Hammond Company, undertakers, and

on the 1st of January, 1930, started in business for himself, opening the Gordon Funeral Home, which is the only institution of the kind in Schuyler county. Here he resides with his wife, who capably assists him in the management of the business, which is located at 227 North Congress street. The home contains a beautiful chapel and rooms for families desiring to remain with their dead. The building is two stories in height, has fourteen rooms and is heated with steam. The good taste of the owner is reflected in all of its appointments and the equipment includes a modern hearse and ambulance. The home is beautifully furnished and has accommodations for at least two hundred people. Rooms are furnished to families without additional cost and the funeral direction afforded is smooth, complete and flawless. Every detail of the work is under the close personal supervision of Mr. Gordon, who carries a complete line of equipment, so that he is always prepared to render the utmost in service, no matter whether the last honors of the departed are planned on a magnificent scale or in a simple, unpretentious manner. The business has grown rapidly, due to his efficient management and earnest endeavor to meet the needs of his patrons, and within a brief period he has established his position among the leading morticians of this part of the state. He also has a half interest in the East Side Barber Shop.

Mr. Gordon was married November 28, 1923, to Miss Bessie Pearl Browning, a member of one of the colonial families of this country. The Brownings served in the Revolutionary war, the French and Indian wars and the War of 1812. Mrs. Gordon's grandfather, James Henfred Browning, was one of the descendants of three brothers who came to America early in the seventeenth century. A brother of one James Henfred Browning was captured by Indians and carried west and he was progenitor of the family in Illinois. He was a direct descendant of the Brownings of machine gun fame and among his relatives was O. H. Browning, a law partner of Abraham Lincoln. James Henfred Browning was born in Amelia county, Kentucky, May 9, 1818, and became a minister of the Christian Church. In Schuyler county, Illinois, he married Elizabeth Hall, a native of Wayne county, Kentucky, born September 28, 1831, and a daughter of

George B. Hall. James H. Browning was called to his final rest on August 19, 1883, and his wife also passed away on February 28th of that year.

Their son, John Jay Browning, the father of Mrs. Luther L. Gordon, was born in Woodstock township, Schuyler county, Illinois, July 4, 1857, and followed agricultural pursuits for many years. He is now retired, making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon. Mr. Browning is a democrat and served for a number of years as justice of the peace in Woodstock. On Christmas day of 1884 he married Miss Mary Sweeney, who was born in Jefferson City, Missouri, March 25, 1858, a daughter of Michael and Margaret (Gavin) Sweeney, both natives of Tyrone, County Clare, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney were married in New York city and lived for a time in Ohio. Afterward they went to Missouri, whence they removed to Illinois in 1864, and spent their remaining years in this state. Mr. Sweeney died in 1903 and in 1912 his wife was laid to rest beside him in the Catholic cemetery at Mt. Sterling. By her marriage their daughter, Mrs. John J. Browning, became the mother of six children. Alta May, born July 27, 1888, taught in the Harvard School for Boys prior to her marriage to Roy C. Moore, by whom she has a son, J. Wallace Moore, born February 25, 1920. Lizzie Margaret Browning was born February 27, 1891, and died April 21, 1897. James Homer, born February 14, 1893, is employed as a salesman in Rushville and has a wife and two sons, Donald E. and John J. Browning (2). Vivian, born July 2, 1895, is now Mrs. Charles O. McFeeters, of Tallula, Menard county, Illinois, and the mother of three children: Eugene Russell, who was born December 13, 1917; Mary Elizabeth, born July 5, 1919; and Robert Lee, born August 2, 1929. Helen Eugenia Browning, born August 8, 1897, is the wife of Victor B. Wood, of Rushville, of whom more extended mention is made elsewhere in this work.

Mrs. Bessie Pearl (Browning) Gordon, who completes the family, was graduated from the Rushville high school in 1905. Active in democratic politics, she served as deputy county clerk of Schuyler county for seventeen and a half years and was deputy county treasurer for about a year. In religious belief she is a Presbyterian and is active in church, civic and social affairs.

Fraternally Mr. Gordon is a Mason, identified with the lodge and chapter at Rushville, and his wife is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star. He belongs to the Scripps Golf Club and greatly enjoys outdoor sports. For fifteen years he has played football and is frequently called upon to act as a referee in football games. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and while he has never aspired to public office, he has been an earnest and effective civic worker. In the affairs of the Rushville Community Club he takes a prominent part and is now chairman of its band committee. He is keenly interested in the high school band and in everything that makes for cultural growth and civic betterment. A charter member of the American Legion, he has represented the local organization in important capacities, serving as vice commander and as finance officer. His activities and interests are evenly balanced, making his a symmetrical, well rounded development. Receiving no financial assistance at the outset of his business career, Mr. Gordon has progressed through the medium of his own efforts and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished.

ALVA M. RASMUSSEN

The finances of the county of Fulton are being ably and satisfactorily handled by the present county treasurer, Alva M. Rasmussen, of Lewistown, whose official record has gained for him the respect of his fellowmen. Born in Lewistown on the 27th of November, 1892, he is a son of Nels and Anna (Jensen) Rasmussen, who were natives of Denmark, whence they went to Gibson City, Illinois, in youth. In 1888 they removed to Lewistown, where the father received his naturalization papers in 1892. For many years he has conducted a store and a general blacksmith shop here and he and his wife are very highly respected throughout the community.

Alva M. Rasmussen obtained his education in the public schools of Lewistown, graduating from high school in 1910, after which he took a commercial course in Brown's Business College at Galesburg, Illinois. He then went into the blacksmith shop with his father, and was thus employed until December, 1928,

when he entered upon his duties as treasurer of Fulton county, for which position he had been nominated by the republican party at the spring primary of that year and elected in November.

On December 15, 1913, at Galesburg, Illinois, Mr. Rasmussen was united in marriage to Miss Clara Horton, of Lewistown, a daughter of Oscar and Grace Horton. They are the parents of a son, Marion, born August 28, 1917, and now attending the Lewistown school. Mr. Rasmussen is a member of Lewistown Lodge, No. 104, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, and is also a member of the Peoria Consistory, Knights of Pythias and Lewistown Camp, M. W. A. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee. He has shown an active interest in local public affairs, having served on the city council, and is a member of the board of education and of the local fire brigade, in which he takes special pride. He is a young man of sterling qualities and agreeable manner, is popular among his acquaintances, and throughout the county is greatly respected.

LYDIA HECKMAN HOLMES, M. D.

One of the able and honored members of the medical profession in Pekin is Dr. Lydia Heckman Holmes, whose record as a practitioner has gained for her the unreserved confidence and respect of all who know her. She was born at Manito, Mason county, Illinois, and is a daughter of George Henry and Ann Maria Friedrich (Weber) Heckman. Her father was born near Heidelberg, Germany, where at an early age he learned the trade of wagonmaking. In young manhood he came to the United States alone, landing at New York city, where he remained about one year. Coming then to Pekin, Illinois, he found employment at his trade with the Weber & Heckman Wagon Company. After spending some time in Pekin, he moved to Manito, where he worked at his trade for nearly three years, when he returned to the Weber & Heckman company of Pekin. Later he returned to Manito, and, establishing a factory, engaged in wagon manufacturing for about twenty years. He then retired and moved back to Pekin, where his death occurred, at the age of sixty-nine

years. His wife was born in the suburbs of Frankfort, Germany, and came to this country with her parents, who settled in Pekin. They came to this city from Chicago by boats which were drawn by horses and oxen. She was sixteen years of age at that time. To George H. and Ann Maria Heckman were born eleven children, two who died in infancy; Frank, who died at the age of twenty-nine years; Arthur L., who died at the age of forty-nine years; George J., who is retired and lives in Pekin; Philip E., of Muskogee, Oklahoma; Anna, the wife of John B. Hackler, of Pekin, and the mother of three children; Louis, retired, of Manito; Ida, the wife of Harry G. Siebens, of Pekin; Edna Margaret, who was married first to John L. Smith, who died in 1919, and, second, to B. Yost, a shoe merchant of Pekin; and the Doctor.

Lydia Heckman received her early education in the public schools of Manito, later attended the State Normal University, at Normal, Illinois, and taught school, first in Manito, and later in Pekin, for fifteen years altogether. She graduated from the American School of Osteopathy, at Kirksville, Missouri, in 1910 and from the medical department of Loyola University in 1917. On October 4, 1894, she became the wife of Joseph F. Holmes, a native of Lena, Illinois, who was engaged in the jewelry business at Virgin, Illinois. He died in 1898, leaving one child, Mary Lavergne, who was born January 19, 1896, and graduated from the Pekin high school and the musical department of Bradley Institute. Later she graduated from Ferry Hall, Lake Forest, Illinois, an exclusive girls' school. At the age of eighteen years she graduated from the School of Expression of Northwestern University, at Evanston, Illinois, from which she received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She went to Buffalo, Wyoming, where she taught English and physical training for one year, then returned to Pekin and is now general secretary for the Young Women's Christian Association. She is a member of the Alpha Omega sorority of Northwestern University, the Altrusa Club of Pekin, and is a past president of the Tazewell Woman's Club. She was united in marriage to Howard Scott Watt, a stockman and rancher of Buffalo, Wyoming. He enlisted for the World war, being assigned to the veterinary department, and was sent to Petersburg, Virginia. He had one year of service in France,

and was honorably discharged in New York city on April 15, 1919. On that same day their son, Howard Scott, was born.

Dr. Holmes is a member of the Axis Club of Pekin, the Altrusa Club, the Woman's Club, in which she is serving on the health committee. She is a member of the Nu Sigma Phi, a professional medical sorority, and the A. S. chapter of the P. E. O.; the Pekin Association of Commerce and is a life member of the Young Women's Christian Association. She maintains professional affiliation with the Tazewell County Medical Society, the Pekin Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, is a fellow of the American Medical Association, and has served as vice president of the two organizations first named. She is a staunch republican in her political alignment and is chairman of the Woman's Republican Club. She was made medical director and superintendent of the McLean County Tuberculosis Sanitarium, in which capacity she served for three years. She has traveled extensively in this country and Europe. She has shown a deep and constant interest in her city and county and has not been lacking in her support of measures for the betterment of the community.

GEORGE HENRY SCRIPPS

Devoting his attention to mercantile affairs, George Henry Scripps is successfully engaged in business under the style of the Scripps Dry Goods Company. The name he bears has been an honored one in Rushville for more than a century and the family is nationally known in connection with the Scripps-Howard newspaper interests. He was born February 22, 1869, in Chicago, but has resided in Rushville since a child, and is a son of William H. Scripps. The grandfather, John Scripps, was born in London, England, August 26, 1785, and at the age of six years came to the United States with his parents, who arrived at Baltimore, Maryland, in July, 1791, proceeding to Alexandria, Virginia, in October of that year. There the father of John Scripps embarked in merchandising and also followed the occupation of farming, purchasing large tracts of land in that locality. He was a lover of fine stock and owned the horse Chevalier, upon which General

Washington rode at the head of the Continental troops during the Revolutionary war. At an early age John Scripps evinced a deep interest in the Bible, of which he remained an earnest student throughout life. His forbears were Episcopalians but he became a Methodist preacher and pioneer circuit rider. With his father, mother, brothers and sisters he went to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in June, 1809, and while living there was married in 1824 to Agnes Corrie, of Jackson, Missouri. Not wishing to rear his family in slave state, he left Missouri in 1830 and settled in Rushville, Illinois. Here he conducted a store and a tannery and in 1849 entered the newspaper business, purchasing the *Prairie Telegraph*. He was a forceful writer and made his one of the outstanding papers of western Illinois. In Rushville he spent the remainder of his life, continuing as a minister of the Gospel until his death on the 26th of July, 1865.

His son, William Henry Scripps, was born in Rushville, March 31, 1838, and as a young man was a cashier in the Chicago post office, filling the position under Postmaster John Locke Scripps during the Lincoln administration. With his return to his native town in 1869 he took up mercantile pursuits, which claimed his attention until his demise at the comparatively early age of thirty-five years. A devout Methodist, he was active in the work of the church and his political support was given to the republican party. He was a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Scripps had many excellent traits of character which endeared him to all who knew him, so that his passing on September 19, 1874, occasioned deep sorrow and regret. On the 14th of June, 1865, he had married Mary Little, a daughter of George and Jane (Lloyd) Little, of whom more extended mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Scripps was born August 16, 1845, and departed this life October 8, 1878, at Rushville. She was also a member of the Methodist Church and performed many acts of kindness and charity, known only to the recipients thereof.

Her son, George Henry Scripps, attended the grammar and high schools of Rushville and entered upon his commercial career at Des Moines, Iowa, where he worked for Chase Brothers, the largest grocery store in Iowa, for about two years. Returning to Rushville in 1888, he obtained a situation in the George H.

Little store, of which his brother, John Locke Scripps, had become manager in 1886, a position which he filled until 1920, when he went to Peoria, Illinois, as president and general manager of Clarke & Company. In 1926 John L. and George H. Scripps entered upon a partnership relation and at that time the latter became manager of the Rushville store, of which he still has charge. This was formerly conducted by the George H. Little Company but is now controlled by the Scripps Dry Goods Company. Located on the northwest corner of Rushville square, the business is housed in a substantial brick building, two stories in height and ninety-five by forty-five feet in dimensions. Under the progressive leadership of George H. Scripps the company has prospered and theirs is now the largest dry goods store in Schuyler county. Aside from his mercantile activities Mr. Scripps has financial interests of importance, being a director of the Bank of Rushville and also of the Rushville Building & Loan Association. His insight is keen and his sound judgment insures the value of his advice and cooperation. He has large property holdings, including valuable farm lands in the county, and is much interested in agricultural matters.

On the 12th of June, 1893, Mr. Scripps was married to Miss Amy Patterson, who was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, April 1, 1871, and there pursued her studies until her graduation from high school as a member of the class of 1888. John Patterson, the American progenitor of the family, came to this country from the north of Ireland in 1728 and settled in Connecticut. He was the father of Robert Patterson, who resided for several years in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and then took up his abode on Sweet Arrow farm, where he spent the remainder of his life. His son, John Patterson, the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Scripps, removed to Kentucky prior to 1798, establishing his home in Lexington, which town had been laid out by his kinsman, Colonel Robert Patterson, who built the first house there. Among the children of John Patterson was John Patterson, Jr., whose son, William Patterson, became the father of J. Marsh Patterson. To this colonial family also belongs Frederick B. Patterson, president of the National Cash Register Company of Dayton, Ohio.

J. Marsh Patterson, the father of Mrs. George H. Scripps, was

born in Jacksonville, Illinois, on Christmas day of 1846 and has lived for many years in Rushville. He organized the Bank of Schuyler county and materially furthered the growth of the institution, with which he was long identified. He was married June 9, 1870, in Rushville to Mary Abigail Hamilton, who was born May 4, 1851, and passed away March 14, 1923. She had become the mother of six children: Amy; Anna Margaret, who was born November 23, 1873, and lives in Los Angeles, California; Elizabeth Frances, who was born July 24, 1875, and is the wife of J. H. Young, of Springfield, Illinois; Paul C., who was born November 18, 1879, and is engaged in the newspaper business, serving as president of the company which publishes the Baltimore Sun; Julian S., born June 20, 1881; and K. M., who was born April 24, 1889, and is Chicago representative of the Cincinnati Daily Times and a resident of Highland Park, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Scripps have two daughters. The elder, Mary Locke, was born May 2, 1895, and after her graduation from the Rushville high school attended St. Mary's College at Knoxville, Tennessee, where she received the Bachelor of Arts degree. On the 18th of October, 1916, she became the wife of T. E. Musselman, who was born April 28, 1887, and is secretary of the company which conducts the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois. He is also a naturalist and locally is known as "the bird man." In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Musselman there are two children: Mary Margaret, who was born February 16, 1918; and Virginia, born October 15, 1924. Margaret Elizabeth Scripps, born February 2, 1899, also completed a course in the Rushville high school and attended Northwestern University for two years, next becoming a student at Wellesley College, which conferred upon her the A. B. degree. She was married June 12, 1930, to Tolliver Downing, a well known attorney of Macomb, Illinois, and they now have a son, Tolliver Scripps Downing, born February 23, 1931.

Mr. and Mrs. Scripps vote with the republican party and he has been a commissioner of the Crane Creek drainage district for a number of years. During the World war period Mrs. Scripps participated in the various drives and was a local executive of the American Red Cross Society, also becoming commander of the

Woman's Council of Defense for Schuyler county. She is an active member of the Methodist Church and a director of the Rushville Woman's Club, formerly serving as its president. Like her husband, she enjoys traveling, and duck hunting is his favorite sport. Mr. Scripps belongs to the Community Club, which is working systematically for Rushville's best interests, and that he is a man of sterling worth is indicated by the high place which he holds in the esteem of his fellow townsmen, with whom his life has been spent.

JOHN W. DEAN

John W. Dean, postmaster of East Peoria, is also one of the leading merchants of that place, being the owner of a prosperous grocery business. He was born on a farm near Bloomington, McLean county, Illinois, August 28, 1875, and is a son of John and Eliza Jane (Sweezy) Dean, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father, who died in 1889, was a farmer near Bloomington for some years and then moved to East Peoria in 1882. Thereafter he followed bridge carpenter work for several years, having been connected with the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railroad in that capacity at the time of his death. To him and his wife were born eight children, three of whom died in infancy. Florence is the wife of John Appleby, a native of England who has always been employed as a stationary engineer, and they have had three children, one who died in infancy, Hazel, the wife of Thomas Thompson, and Merle, the wife of Wright McKinstry; Lennie is the wife of Albert Mitzelfelt, a stationary fireman, and they have had seven children, of whom three, Edward, Eliza and Marie, are living; Henry, who resides in East Peoria, and has for many years been in charge of the radio service department of the Clark-Smith Wholesale Hardware Company, of Peoria, was married to Miss Flossie Norris, of Mackinaw, Illinois, and they have five children, Leota, John, Henry, Jr., Viola and Beatrice; Viola is the wife of Joseph Roberts, of East Peoria, and they have twelve children.

John W. Dean received a somewhat limited education and

early in life began railroad work, which he followed up to the time of his marriage, in 1896, when he became a traveling salesman, which line of work he followed for thirteen years. In April, 1914, Mr. Dean opened a restaurant at the corner of Main and Washington streets, East Peoria, where he built up a large patronage, remaining there until 1925, when he erected his present building at 109 East Washington street. Here he has an up-to-date grocery and has gained a splendid business. He is also the present postmaster, the post office being in a part of his building, while there are two modern five-room flats upstairs. He is also vice president of the East Peoria Building & Loan Association. In all of his affairs he has shown excellent judgment and the success which is now his has been well earned.

On October 17, 1896, Mr. Dean was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Murray, who was born in Ambia, Indiana, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Murray, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Dean is president of the high school board, of which body he has been a member for the past six years, and was a city commissioner for four years. He is a member of the Republican Club and for the past twenty-six years has been an Odd Fellow. He and his family attend the Free Methodist Church. He is a public-spirited man, giving his support to all measures relating to the public progress and welfare, and in his official capacity he is rendering valuable service to the community.

CARL G. MUEHLMANN, M. D.

Dr. Carl G. Muehlmann, who commands a large and remunerative medical practice in Pekin, is also well known as a public-spirited and progressive citizen, keenly interested in everything pertaining to the community welfare. He was born in Pekin, on the 17th of July, 1864, a son of William and Emma T. (Tomm) Muehlmann. His father, a native of Germany, died in Pekin, Illinois, in 1900, at the age of seventy-six years. He was given a good education in his native land and devoted his attention to the drug business during the greater part of his life. He was a republican in politics and a man of sterling character

and wide influence. His wife, who also was a native of Germany, died in Pekin in 1888, at the age of forty years.

Carl G. Muehlmann attended the public and high schools of Pekin, and then entered the Chicago College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1888 with the Ph.G. degree. He devoted his attention to the drug business in Pekin for ten years, when, having determined to take up the practice of medicine, he entered the Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1900. He entered upon the practice of that profession in Pekin, and has continued in it to the present time, having well equipped offices at 357 Court street.

On November 12, 1891, in Peoria, Illinois, Dr. Muehlmann was united in marriage to Miss Emily Cora Stock, a native of that city and a daughter of John and Mary Stock, both of whom were lifelong residents of Peoria. Mr. Stock spent the greater part of his active life in the shoe business in Peoria. Mrs. Muehlmann graduated from the Peoria high school and attended Pettin-gill Seminary of that city. She is a member of the Pekin Women's Club. Dr. and Mrs. Muehlmann are the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Raymond Y. Allison, whose husband is principal of the high school at Kankakee, Illinois. Dr. Muehlmann is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and the Order of the Eastern Star, and he and his wife are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The Doctor belongs to the Tazewell County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a constant student of his profession and his uniform success in practice has gained for him high standing in public esteem.

ADAM J. KEIL

One of the oldest and most highly respected residents of Washington, Tazewell county, is Adam J. Keil, who has served for many years as town clerk and city clerk, in both of which positions he has rendered commendable service. He was born on a farm in Fond du Lac township, about six miles west of Washing-



ADAM J. KEIL

ton, on the 19th of August, 1849, and is a son of Peter G. and Catherine Keil, both of whom were natives of Germany. When Peter G. Keil was about fifteen years of age he came to this country with his parents, who settled on the farm on which their grandson was born, and there they spent their remaining years. There Peter was reared and there he devoted the active years of his life to agricultural pursuits. The mother came to the United States with her parents in young girlhood, settling on a farm near Washington. To Peter and Catherine Keil were born the following children, namely: Mary, the wife of Michael Wehrle, of Peoria; Henry M., of Peoria; William C., of Peoria; Margaret, the wife of Joseph Walker, of Peoria, and Adam J. Julia, Catherine, Ed, and Anna are all deceased.

Adam J. Keil received his education in the district school near his home, after which he worked on his father's farm until twenty-four years of age, when he went into Washington and secured a position in a drug store, in which he was employed for eleven years. He did clerical work and clerked in a hardware and grocery store in Washington for some time, and for sixteen years worked for Henry Denhart, of Washington, as a gardener. He then returned to the grocery and hardware store, in which he worked for Henry Denhart, of Washington, as a gardener. He in which position he has served continuously to the present time, and in 1916 was also elected city clerk, and is holding the two offices conjointly, the duties of which he has discharged in a very satisfactory manner.

On May 27, 1878, Mr. Keil was united in marriage to Miss Helen Denhart, of Washington, whose brother was prominently identified with the banking interests of this city for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. Keil were born three children, as follows: Frank C., who lives in Washington, married Miss Ella Mundinger, of Washington, and they have a daughter, Helen Catherine; Nellie is the wife of George H. Pinkenberger, for many years one of Washington's prominent business men and now serving as mayor of Washington, and they have a daughter, Mary Helen; and Clara D., who died at the age of forty-two years. The mother of the above named is deceased. Mr. Keil is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Washington and he and

his family are members of the Lutheran Church. He has always stood for those things which make for the well being of the community and has been recognized as one of its worthy and dependable citizens. Though past four score years of age, he is alert and wideawake, taking a deep interest in all that is going on in the world about him, and he commands the respect and esteem of the people of his community, as may be inferred from his long retention in the offices which he is filling.

HENRY DEAN

Henry Dean, who for a number of years has been connected with the Clark-Smith Company of Peoria, and has served this city in several important municipal positions, is now a city commissioner, for which position his mature judgment and his experience in public affairs well qualify him. Born on the 6th of February, 1882 he is a son of John and Eliza Jane (Sweezy) Dean. The father was born in Pennsylvania, but came to Illinois and engaged in farming near Bloomington. Several years later he came to East Peoria, and resided here during the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1889. His wife, who was a native of Pennsylvania, was of Scotch and English descent. Her grandfather, William S. Sweezy, conducted and operated the first cable ferry across the Illinois river from Peoria to East Peoria. To Mr. and Mrs. Dean were born eight children, of whom three died in infancy. Florence is the wife of John Appleby, of East Peoria, and they have had three children, one who died in infancy, Hazel, the wife of Thomas Thompson, and Merle, the wife of Warren McKinstry; Lennie is the wife of Albert Mitzelfelt and of the children born to them Edward, Eliza and Marie are living; John W., whose sketch appears on other pages of this work, and is postmaster of East Peoria, married Miss Elizabeth Murray, a native of Ambia, Indiana; Viola is the wife of Joseph Roberts, of East Peoria, and the mother of twelve children; and Henry.

Henry Dean attended the public schools to the age of eleven years, when he went to work to assist in the support of the family. At twelve years of age he began attending night school, and

when thirteen years old he entered the employ of the Lake Erie & Western Railroad. Two years later he went to work in the sugar factory, there remaining two years. In January, 1909, he became an employe of Clark, Queen & Morse, wholesale hardware dealers, and in 1910, when this firm became the Clark-Smith Company, he started in the tin shop. A year later he changed to another department and when the radio came into use he became connected with that department, and now has charge of the radio service department. He is an expert in this line of work and is one of the company's most useful employees.

On September 17, 1912, Mr. Dean was united in marriage to Miss Flossie Norris, of Mackinaw, Tazewell county, Illinois, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Norris, who still live in Mackinaw. The Norris family is an old one in this country, dating back to Colonial days, and some of its members fought in the war of the Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Dean are the parents of five children, namely: Leota and John, who are in high school; Henry, Jr., Beatrice and Viola. Mr. Dean is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he and his family attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Dean served as city marshal of East Peoria for two years and later for one term as city clerk, one term as city treasurer, one term as a member of the board of education, and in 1918 was elected city commissioner for a four-year term, being again elected to that office in 1926. He is watchful of the public interests and has proven a man of dependable ability and conscientious devotion to the interests of the city. He enjoys a wide acquaintance and his record as business man, public official and private citizen has earned for him the unreserved confidence of his fellowmen.

WILLIAM S. BRANNUM, JR.

William S. Brannum, Jr., treasurer and manager of the Peoria Lumber Company, is one of the leading business men of this city and one of the largest factors in the great success of the concern with which he is identified. Born in Chicago, Illinois, on the 17th of January, 1897, he is a son of William S. and Elna Zoretta

(McGrew) Brannum. On the paternal side Mr. Brannum is descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry. Both parents were born at Montpelier, Indiana, the father in 1862. To them were born the following children: James H., who is engaged in the lumber business in Racine, Wisconsin, married Miss Julia Dennison and they have two children, James Hanford and Dulce; Marjorie is the wife of Robert Roy Tinsley, who is engaged in the lumber business in Waukegan, Illinois, and they have four children; William S., Jr., is the other member of the family.

William S. Brannum, Jr., received his educational training in the public schools of Chicago and Lake Forest, Illinois, graduating from high school in 1915. He then became associated with his father in the lumber business for a time, after which he was employed in various places until the entrance of the United States into the World war. He enlisted at Chicago, and went into training at Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina. Six weeks later he went overseas and was in training camp near Langres, France. He was assigned to an anti-aircraft machine gun battalion, with which he served for four months, when he returned to the United States and was honorably discharged at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois. Going then to Ypsilanti, Michigan, he was for seven years engaged in business with J. T. Gourley, under the firm name of the Ypsilanti Lumber & Coal Company. In January, 1926, he disposed of his interest in that concern and, coming to Peoria, Illinois, acquired an interest in the Peoria Lumber Company, the officers of which are, William S. Brannum, Sr., president; J. H. Brannum, vice president; J. I. Doyle, secretary, and William S. Brannum, Jr., treasurer and manager. The company owns its property, which is bounded by Adams street, Western avenue, Washington and Spruce streets. The company deals in all kinds of lumber and dimension stuff, builders' supplies and mill work, and is one of the leading concerns in its line in this section of the valley.

On October 27, 1920, Mr. Brannum was united in marriage to Miss Florence Ziegfeld, a native of Chicago and a daughter of Carl and Edith Ziegfeld. Her paternal grandfather came from Germany in young manhood and settled in Chicago, where he became president of the Chicago Music College. He was made an

honorary colonel in the Illinois National Guard, and saw service in the Civil war. His son Carl became the successor of his father as president of the Chicago Music College, in which his brother Florenz also was interested. Carl also owned the Ziegfeld Musical College and remained the director of the Chicago Musical College to the time of his death, after which his wife conducted the college for some years, and still resides in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Brannum are the parents of a daughter, Audrey Arlette, born January 27, 1922. Mr. Brannum is a member of the Knights of Pythias at Ypsilanti, Michigan, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks in Peoria, the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, a lumbermen's organization, the Creve Coeur Club and the North Shore Country Club. He is managing the affairs of his company with marked ability, is greatly respected in business circles and has proved worthy of the confidence of his fellowmen.

CAPTAIN JOHN L. McCORMICK

Captain John L. McCormick, who came to Peru in the fall of 1847, continued his residence in La Salle county throughout the remainder of his life and for many years devoted his energies to the pursuits of farming and stock raising. He was born December 31, 1807, in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he spent the period of his minority on his father's farm. At the age of twenty-one he was appointed foreman of the canal running from the mouth of the Juniata river to the Northumberland, which position he held for about three years. He then engaged in buying and selling lumber, which he transported on rafts to New York and Port Deposit, Maryland, continuing in the lumber trade until 1836, when he went to Pittsburgh and began dealing in lumber, coal and ice. He remained in this business until the fall of 1847, when he came to Peru, Illinois, having previously formed a partnership with William B. Quigley and Victor F. Wilson, the former having an office at Vicksburg and the latter at Natchez, Mr. McCormick representing the firm in this city. This firm dealt extensively in ice until 1854, the ice being taken from the Illinois river and the various sloughs in this vicinity. He passed away

June 23, 1893, aged eighty-five years, five months and twenty-two days. Mr. McCormick devoted his attention to farming, feeding stock, etc. "He commenced life with no means except a pair of willing hands and a determination to succeed," said one who knew him, was elected mayor in 1856, 1857, 1858, 1862 and 1863, and filled the position in an able and efficient manner. In short, his life here was such as to win the respect and esteem of all who knew him. While still a resident of Pittsburgh he was united in marriage, September 30, 1841, to Miss Anna Jones, and they became the parents of seven children. The McCormick residence, commenced in 1848, was finished in 1849.

The night before the Lincoln and Douglas debate at Ottawa, in 1858, Stephen A. Douglas was entertained and stayed all night at the McCormick residence and the family is still in possession of the large steel engraving upon which is written

Presented to
Mrs. McCormick by
S. A. Douglas
Aug. 20th, 1858.

Mr. McCormick, accompanied by Mrs. McCormick, drove him to Ottawa the day of the debate.

The McCormick residence is occupied by Rebecca and Arabella McCormick, surviving children of Mrs. McCormick, who passed from life November 29, 1912, aged ninety-one years, nine months and nineteen days. All the old antique mahogany furniture is still in the home. When their honored father passed away, one of the local newspapers chronicled the close of the "long and useful career of one of Peru's oldest and most respected citizens."

The State Highway, Route 7, passes the McCormick farm from the city limits of Peru west to the Bureau county line, about a mile. Gas pipes are laid on the north side of the fence south of the highway. The farm is wired for electricity by the Illinois Power and Light Corporation of Spring Valley, Illinois, which comes in from the west on interurban poles and extends to the entrance to the farm, south of the highway, eighty rods west of the city of Peru. All machinery, lighting and pumping water, are operated by electricity. On the south side of the farm are two railroads, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and the Chi-

cago, Burlington & Quincy, on which there is a switch for shipping. The high tension wire poles, 2300 volts, on the south side of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, passes through the farm. The McCormick farm has a frontage of a mile on the Illinois river. The Deep Waterway passes the farm and there is an unfailing supply of fine water on the place.

JOHN R. VONACHEN, M. D.

Dr. John R. Vonachen, of Peoria, has gained wide recognition as one of the leading medical practitioners of this community and has been particularly successful in his special field,—that of children's diseases. He was born in Peoria on the 11th of December, 1891, and is a son of Rudolph and Amelia (Reuter) Vonachen. The paternal grandfather was a native of Alsace-Lorraine, France, whence he came to the United States in 1831 and settled in Pennsylvania, subsequently removing to Peoria. Here Rudolph Vonachen was born February 12, 1866, and died in 1924. During all of his active years he was identified with the distilling business. Amelia (Reuter) Vonachen was born in this city in 1867, and is still residing here. Her parents came from Baden, Germany, and settled first in New York state. They came to Peoria in 1840 and here her father followed the barber business. To Rudolph and Amelia Vonachen were born four children: Francis, an attorney of Peoria, married Miss Florence Dolan, a native of Galesburg, Illinois, and they have a son, John Robert; Harold A., who is a physician in Peoria, married Miss Bernice Verner, of this city, and they have four children, Harold, Jr., Mary Ann, Susane and Barbara; Gladys is the wife of Dr. Earl Ryan, of Peoria, and they have a daughter, Sallie; and John R.

John R. Vonachen attended the public schools and graduated from Spalding Institute, Peoria, in 1909, after which he entered St. Louis University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1912 and that of Doctor of Medicine in 1913. He served until 1915 as interne in St. John's Hospital, in St. Louis, and in the latter year engaged in the practice of his profession

in Peoria. He devoted himself closely to practice until 1920, when he took post-graduate courses in the medical school of Washington University, the Children's Hospital in St. Louis, and the medical college of Harvard University, in which he specialized in children's diseases. He then returned to Peoria and has since devoted the greater part of his attention to that branch of medical practice, in which his success has been remarkable.

On August 2, 1913, Dr. Vonachen was united in marriage to Miss Isabella Schulte, of St. Louis, Missouri, whose father, John J. Schulte, was a prominent member of the Board of Trade of that city. Mrs. Vonachen is a graduate of the Sacred Heart College at St. Louis, in which she majored in painting. Dr. and Mrs. Vonachen are the parents of four children: Mary Elizabeth, born May 30, 1914; John Robert, born April 23, 1917; Carolyn Jane, born December 2, 1922; and Mollie Ann, born November 2, 1929. Dr. Vonachen is a member of the Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity; the Peoria City Medical Society, of which he is vice president; the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians and the Central States Pediatric Society. He is pediatrician in charge at the Guardian Angel Orphanage of Peoria and is in charge of the children's department in St. Francis Hospital of this city. He belongs to the Creve Coeur Club, Peoria Country Club, the University Club and the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife are active members of St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church. The Doctor is a man of many sterling qualities and is highly regarded throughout the community for his professional attainments and his splendid citizenship.

FRANK C. BAECHT, M. D.

Dr. Frank C. Baecht, of Grafton, where he has been engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery for the past fifteen years, during which time he has gained a wide reputation for his ability and skill, is one of Jersey county's leading professional men. Born in New York city on the 26th of April, 1864, he is a son of Herman and Katherine (Keckheiser) Baecht, the latter also

a native of New York city. The father was born in Hessen, Germany, and was there reared and educated, after which he learned the trade of tailoring. In young manhood he came to the United States and in 1870 located in Chicago, where he lived for many years. He was a designer for Leopold Kuh & Company, clothing manufacturers, for a number of years, and was later with the Kuppenheimer Company in the same capacity. At the time of the Chicago fire he lost everything he possessed. In 1882 he moved to San Diego, California, where he lived for many years. A short time before his death, which occurred in 1896, he moved to San Francisco, and there his wife passed away in 1897. They were the parents of eight children: George, deceased; Frank C., of this review; Charlie; Fred, deceased; Edward; Frances; Louisa, deceased; and Josephine.

Frank C. Baecht attended the public and high schools of Chicago and then entered what is now St. Louis University, at St. Louis, Missouri, where he pursued the regular medical course, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1895. In that year he located in Brussels, Illinois, where he practiced until 1902, when he went to St. Louis, but after two years returned to Brussels. Two years later, because of the serious condition of Mrs. Baecht's health, he went to Stroud, Oklahoma, where he remained for eight years. He traveled with his wife for the benefit of her health, but without avail, and they returned to Brussels, where her death occurred in February, 1914. Dr. Baecht then moved to Grafton, where he has since devoted his attention closely to the practice of his profession and has been very successful. During the World war he offered his services, enlisting in the United States Medical Corps, in which he was commissioned a first lieutenant. He was first stationed at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, but was later sent to Hoboken, New Jersey, where he was ready for embarkation when the war ended. He was honorably discharged at Camp Crane, near Allentown, Pennsylvania, in 1918.

Dr. Baecht was married January 7, 1896, to Miss Rosa Keim, of Brussels, Illinois, who died in February, 1914, leaving five children, Frances, Gertrude, George, Clarence and Edward, who is a nationally known baseball pitcher, lately with the Philadelphia

Nationals and now with the Los Angeles Angels. In 1924 the Doctor was married to Miss Rowena Bray, of Grafton. The Doctor is a Mason, has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed through the chairs. He belongs to the Jersey County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Kindly and sympathetic in his attitude towards the sick and suffering, he inspires confidence on the part of his patients and has been uniformly successful in combatting human ailments. Socially, he is cordial and unaffected and has a large circle of warm friends throughout this community.

FLOYD S. CLARK

Floyd S. Clark, one of La Salle county's native sons who has won a high place in public esteem and is very capably filling the office of sheriff, being regarded as one of the county's representative citizens, was born in Mendota, this county, on the 10th of February, 1878, a son of Seymour and Elizabeth (Yates) Clark. His father, who was a native of Vermont and a member of an old and well known New England family, came with his parents to Illinois and here followed farming throughout his active life. He died in December, 1927, at his home in Deer Park township, La Salle county. His wife, who was born in England, passed away in February, 1920. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom those surviving are: Floyd S., of this review; Mrs. Ralph Snell, of Udall, Kansas; Chester, of Deer Park township, La Salle county; Mrs. Jessie Rasmunson, of Fort Worth, Texas; Melville, who is engaged in the practice of law at Rockford, Illinois; McKinley, who is employed by the government in the aeronautical department of the Aviation bureau; and Gladys, who is single and resides in Fort Worth, Texas.

Floyd S. Clark received his educational training in the public schools, after which he went to work at farming. Subsequently he moved to La Salle and joined the fire department, serving for

six years. He then moved to Aurora and for one year was road master of the De Kalb Electric Railroad. He then became foreman for the Keyes Contracting Company, with which he was identified for seventeen years. In 1926 Mr. Clark was elected sheriff of La Salle county and is still serving in that capacity, performing his duties in a manner that has earned for him the general commendation of his fellowmen.

On June 9, 1898, Mr. Clark was united in marriage to Miss Ada Sharp, a daughter of John and Mary (Lyall) Sharp, of La Salle county. To them have been born seven children: Lorana, who is the wife of Charles Olmstead, of La Salle, and has two children; Mary, the wife of Stanley Gill, of Bloomington, Illinois; Velma, who is the wife of Edward Shoenurlder, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and has two sons; John, of La Salle, who married Miss Mary Jzerny and has one child; Floyd, Jr., at home; Dorothy, and Richard, also at home and attending school. In his political views Mr. Clark is a stanch republican and fraternally is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed through the chairs of the subordinate lodge. He is widely acquainted, is well liked because of his cordial and sincere manner and has shown himself well worthy of public esteem.

GEORGE LITTLE

As a merchant, pork packer and banker George Little wrought for progress and for success, leaving the deep impress of his individuality upon the history of Rushville's early development, and although thirty-five years have elapsed since his death, his memory remains fresh in the hearts of those who knew him. Of Scotch-Irish ancestry, he was born on a farm near Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1808. His father, James Little, was born in Tyrone, a county in Ulster, Ireland, in 1766, and was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln. His grandfather, also James Little or Lytle, as the name was then spelled, was a native of Scotland. His mother bore the maiden name of Rebecca Greer.

In 1835 George Little made his first trip to Rushville, coming

here from the east on horseback to look over the new country. Satisfied that there were opportunities here for him, he returned to his home and prepared for his removal to what was then the far west. The following year he returned to this region by way of the Ohio and Illinois rivers, settling in the village of Rushville. He was young, energetic and alert, and seeing the possibilities of a mercantile career, at once embarked in that business on a small scale. In 1838 he formed a partnership with Adam Dunlap and they were located on the east side of the town square in Rushville. This store conformed to the business ideas of that day and dealt in groceries, wearing apparel, drugs and light hardware. Its crudeness and crowded appearance disappeared, however, with the improvement of the community and it at all times arose to the emergency created by an increase in population and advancement in ideas. Following the withdrawal of Mr. Dunlap from the concern Mr. Little was joined by his father and the style of J. & G. Little was then assumed. In May, 1844, the firm of Little & Ray was formed—a relationship that existed until the death of Mr. Ray in 1881. For a time they conducted business on the south side of the square and Thomas Wilson was admitted as a partner but his association with the enterprise was of short duration. Afterward the firm of Little & Ray moved to a modern three-story building which stood on the site now occupied by Scripps & Company and their trade continued to grow. They did a tremendous business in pioneer days and in addition to general merchandising and later pork packing, they had financial interests of importance, establishing the first bank in Rushville. Mr. Little was a tireless worker and at a time when most men would have sought pleasure and retirement he took keen pleasure in directing the business which he founded. It was continued under his name until 1925, when the building and its contents were destroyed by fire. This was a brick structure three stories in height and had been erected in 1893. Work was started on the new building in 1925 and since 1926 this has been occupied by the Scripps Dry Goods Company.

During his long and active career Mr. Little was actuated at all times by high ideals, and his citizenship was such that it imparted strength and solidity to every undertaking which en-

listed his support. Sincere and kindly by nature, he was ever ready to assist the many friends who came to him for advice upon various matters, and his counsel was always of value to those who sought it. A man of strong purpose, steady application and keen perception, he owed his success to his own unaided efforts, and his long, busy life contributed much to the commercial prosperity of Rushville and Schuyler county. In manner he was quiet and unostentatious, shunning all publicity, craving no political or official recognition, and yet he was ever ready to lend his personal support to every industrial and civic movement destined to prove of benefit to the community. A lifelong republican, he made his influence felt in local politics and was one of the men who formed the Schuyler county organization of the party. At the time of his death, which occurred March 5, 1896, when he was eighty-eight years of age, he was financially interested in many lines of business in the county. Through his varied activities he contributed toward the success of others and his generous, sympathetic nature made him a much loved and respected citizen. A contemporary historian wrote of him as follows: "Of the early settlers that came to Schuyler county in its formative period, there were few indeed who exerted a more potent force in the commercial life of the community than did George Little. His life was an illustration of the masterful control of early limitations, such as were the lot of pioneer settlers, and the wise utilization of ordinary opportunities that are available to all but grasped by few. For more than fifty years his career was identified with the business interests of Rushville, and his name will be remembered as one of the ambitious and progressive men that were really factors in the building of the town and the advancement of Schuyler county. He lived to see Rushville grow from a struggling pioneer village to the clean, progressive town that it now is and he played no little part in that advancement."

On the 1st of September, 1840, Mr. Little was married to Miss Jane Lloyd, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and of the three children born to them only one, Mrs. Mary Scripps, lived to adult age. She passed away in 1877, leaving two sons, John Locke and George Henry Scripps. Mr. Little's second wife was Lydia Elizabeth Scripps, to whom he was married February 16, 1852.

She was a daughter of George Henry and Mary (Hiler) Scripps, who were among the pioneer settlers of Schuyler county, having come here in 1836. Born in Jackson, Cape Girardeau county, Missouri, November 9, 1823, she lived there until she reached the age of thirteen, when her father, wishing to reside in a free state, liberated all of his slaves and removed with his family to Rushville, Illinois. His daughter, Lydia Elizabeth, attended the Woman's College at Jacksonville, Illinois, now known as McMurray's College, and for two years was a student in Monticello Seminary at Godfrey, Illinois, leaving there in 1844. Desiring to make practical use of her education, she became the assistant of her brother, John Locke Scripps, who was conducting a subscription school at Rushville, and this vocation she followed until her marriage. Mrs. Little was a kind and lovable woman and a devoted mother. She tenderly reared her three stepchildren, James, Anna and Mary Little, and also her niece, Grace Locke Scripps, the daughter of her brother John. Grace Locke Scripps became the wife of F. B. Dyche, of Evanston, Illinois, and passed away in 1924. Mrs. Little was an active member of the Methodist Church of Rushville. In philanthropic work she was greatly interested and during the Civil war organized The Soldiers Relief Society of Schuyler county, becoming its president. Hers was a beautiful life, replete with acts of kindness and charity, and her passing on the 4th of March, 1906, brought deep sorrow to her family and friends.

George and Lydia Elizabeth (Scripps) Little were the parents of five children, and lost two, John William and George Henry, the former dying in infancy and the latter in early manhood. The others are Grace, Virginia and John S. The last named was born in Rushville, February 23, 1864, and attended the local schools. Entering the Bank of Rushville in 1884, when a young man of twenty, he has remained with the institution for forty-seven years, devoting the best efforts of his life to its development, and is now serving as president of the bank. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics is a republican. He belongs to the Union League, and was a member of the Hamilton Club and the Masonic order. With his sisters, Grace and Virginia, he resides in the old home and spends many of his leisure

hours in his library. He is the fortunate possessor of what is considered one of the finest collections of relics and books on Lincoln in Illinois, all having some personal interest. A great admirer of Nathaniel Hawthorne, he has a number of that author's first editions and has several original manuscripts of other authors, including the story of "Madame Butterfly." He is also the owner of a valuable Spanish book, printed in 1492, and a letter written and signed by King Ferdinand of Spain, who ruled over the country at that time. A discriminating student and reader, Mr. Little is appreciative of the best in literature and his opinions in matters of this nature are evidences of a refined and cultured mind.

CHARLES F. DAINTY

Charles F. Dainty, of East Peoria, who has served as police magistrate for the past eighteen years in a very able and acceptable manner, bears the distinction of being the oldest native resident of this place. He was born in East Peoria, Tazewell county, on the 15th of February, 1858, and is a son of Jabez and Catherine (Oakley) Dainty, both of whom were born and reared in England. They were married in that country and on coming to the United States located in Pennsylvania. Shortly afterward they moved to West Virginia, and from there came to Illinois, settling at Kingston. The father was a miner and worked in the coal mines for some years. He moved from Kingston to Henry, and eventually established his permanent home in East Peoria, where his death occurred, at the comparatively early age of thirty-one years. He was long survived by his widow, who lived to the age of seventy-five years. To them were born four sons, as follows: George C., who died in February, 1929; William, who died at the age of twenty-eight years; Jabez, Jr., who was born in East Peoria and is now a resident of Fulton county; and Charles F.

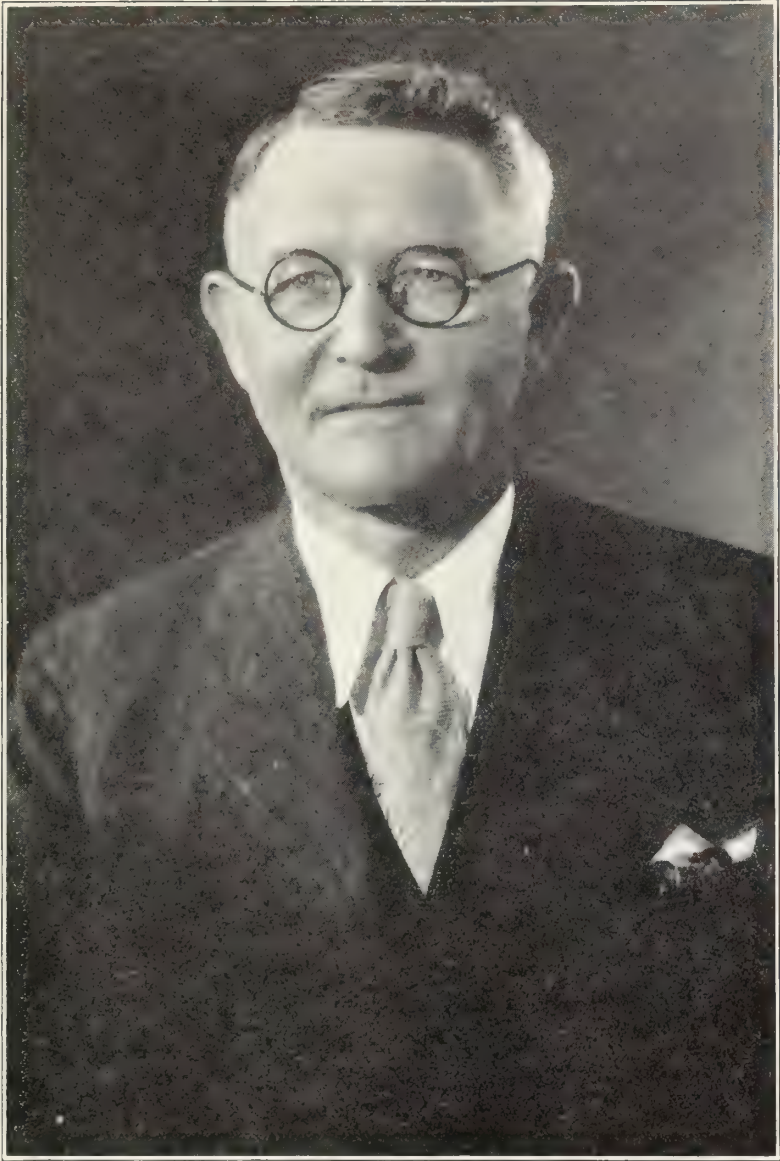
Charles F. Dainty received his education in the public schools and then learned the barber trade, which he followed for thirty-seven years in East Peoria. He was appointed police marshal, in

which capacity he continued six years, after which he served for a time as constable and deputy sheriff. Since 1912 he has capably and efficiently served as police magistrate, is fair and just and commands the respect of all who know him. He has also served two terms, or four years, as a member of the board of city trustees and is one of this city's public-spirited and useful citizens.

On July 3, 1883, Mr. Dainty was united in marriage to Miss Mollie Meers, of Tazewell county, whose death occurred in 1913. Of their seven children, three are living, namely: George A., a machinist of this city, who served four years on the police force; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Louis Newkirk, a machinist, and they have five children; and Mary, the wife of L. W. Burton, of East Peoria, and the mother of eight children. Of the deceased children, William E., who served as a member of the United States Signal Corps two years in France, died in 1929; one child died in infancy; Catherine died at the age of eighteen years; and John died at the age of twenty years. Judge Dainty is a man of strong character and sterling qualities and has a large circle of loyal friends who esteem him for his genuine worth.

JOSEPH ANTHONY KAMP

For many years one of Calhoun county's most prominent, public-spirited and useful families has been that of Kamp, of which Joseph A. Kamp, of Kampsville, is a worthy representative. He was born at Silver Creek, this county, on the 4th of May, 1871, and is a son of Capt. Michael Adam and Elizabeth (Bullier) Kamp. His father was born at Diedenhofen, near Speyer, Rhein-Pfalz, Germany, on August 21, 1829. He received a good education in the schools of Speyer, and later learned the barber trade, as well as surgery, which in those days was a requirement for barbers. He passed his examination there and after securing his freedom from military duty came to the United States. He embarked at Havre on a sailing vessel and fifty-two days later landed at New Orleans, serving as ship's barber during the voyage. From New Orleans he took passage on the steamboat, Delaware, for St. Louis in 1853, and there secured employment in a



JOSEPH A. KAMP

barber shop at Franklin avenue and Seventh street. He carefully economized and saved his money, so that eventually he was enabled to open a shop of his own at Eleventh street and Washington avenue. In 1858 he bought the shop in which he was first employed, and later moved it to the Hotel Rozier, on Oliver street. Early in 1861 Mr. Kamp enlisted in Company D, Fourth United States Regiment, for three months, and during his absence his wife took care of the shop. In April, 1862, on hearing of the death of his father, he returned to Germany to settle up the estate, and on his return was accompanied by his mother and two sisters. Again he enlisted for service in the Union Army and was assigned to Company F, Eleventh Regiment Missouri Volunteer Infantry, of which he was elected first lieutenant, and later promoted to captain. In June, 1863, he resigned his commission on account of sickness, at which time he came to Calhoun county and purchased five hundred and thirty-five acres of land. In September, 1863, he brought his wife, mother and two sisters to this country. There was a double log cabin on his place, one side of which was used for a residence and other side for a store. He became postmaster of Silver Creek, as the place was known, and conducted his store successfully for many years. As he prospered he added to his real estate holdings. In 1869 he bought the land where Kampsville now stands. The post office there was then known as Farrowtown, which, by petition of his neighbors, was changed to Kampsville. In 1873 he was made a county commissioner and was twice reelected, thus serving nine years. In 1882 he erected a fine brick home at Kampsville and in May of the following year moved into it. In 1923 Joseph A. Kamp remodeled and enlarged it and now lives there. The original painting job was done by Casper Kargus, Sr., of St. Louis, and fifty years later the remodeled house was painted by his son, Casper Kargus, Jr. On July 18, 1883, Michael A. Kamp was appointed postmaster at Kampsville. In February, 1884, he suffered the loss, by death, of his wife, who had been a true helpmate to him during the years when he was getting a start, having looked after his first store on Silver Creek during his absence. On June 27, 1889, he married Mrs. Barbara Bullier, the widow of Nicholas Bullier, Sr., who was a brother to Mr. Kamp's first wife. He gave his

store on Silver Creek to his son William A. and retired from active commercial pursuits. In 1898 he became president of the Bank of Calhoun County, the first bank to be established in the county, and served in that position until 1902. In that same year he became a member of the board of trustees of Kampsville, to which position he was several times reelected. He died in November, 1923, at the age of ninety-three years, three months and three days. He made his fortune on Silver Creek, where he conducted his general store for so many years, buying and selling everything. He was exemplary in his attitude towards those less fortunate than he, giving liberally to those in need, and was widely known as the poor man's friend. He was a Catholic in his religious faith and gave generously to worthy causes. He was a trustee of his church and gave his support to every enterprise having for its object the betterment of his community. By his first marriage he became the father of six children, namely: Alloys; William, who had the store on Silver Creek; John; Joseph A.; and Frank, who was engaged in the lumber business, and Kate E., who was in business in Kampsville.

Joseph A. Kamp attended the public schools, and completed his education at Christian Brothers College, in St. Louis, also taking a business course in the Jones Commercial College, in that city. He was reared in his father's store and thus early gained valuable practical experience in business methods. He has been in business for himself in Kampsville for the past thirty-eight years and has here sold everything from needles to threshing machines and automobiles. He is a stockholder in the banks at Kampsville and Hardin.

Mr. Kamp was united in marriage to Miss Minnie E. Armstrong, a daughter of James Armstrong, who constructed the Kampsville locks on the Illinois river. Mrs. Kamp was born in Lafayette, Indiana. To Mr. and Mrs. Kamp have been born eight children, namely: Arthur, who is with the Bowman Dairy Company, in Chicago, is a veteran of the World war; he was overseas two years and participated in eleven battles, in one of which he had a shoulder strap shot off; Alloys is a student in the University of Illinois; Mildred; Helen; Lena, is the wife of James R. Painter, who is principal of the Villa Grove school; Josephine,

who is employed in the local bank; and Edna and Edwine, twins. Mr. Kamp is a trustee of the local Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is the owner of two fine farms and is well situated financially. He is a man of broad views and well defined ideas and as early as 1906 was lending his efforts and influence in the direction of deep waterways, while he has always been a booster for his home town. He is a republican in his political views. He possesses a strong personality, is cordial and friendly in manner and throughout the community where he lives he has many warm and loyal friends.

WILLIAM FREY

William Frey, who is capably filling the office of city treasurer of East Peoria, and is one of this community's best known citizens, was born in Geneseo, Illinois, on July 9, 1869, and is a son of Peter and Catherine (Marsengarb) Frey, who were natives of Germany. The father came to the United States with his parents, who located in Geneseo, Illinois, and there he learned the printing trade, which he followed for ten years, after which he engaged in the clothing business, until his death, in 1904. The mother came to this country with her parents, who also settled in Geneseo, Illinois, where she met and became the wife of Peter Frey. They became the parents of seven children, three of whom died in infancy. Those living are, Peter, a machinist of Peoria; Frederick, a painting contractor of Peoria; Catherine, the wife of Henry Schiebele, a real estate broker, of Kansas City, Kansas; and William.

The last named attended the public schools of Geneseo, and when fourteen years of age went to work in a lumber mill, following that line of work for twenty years as an employe of the Garside Manufacturing Company, of Peoria. The family lived for six years in Moline, Illinois, and then moved to Peoria. Eighteen years ago Mr. Frey went to work for the Larkin Company, being employed in various departments, and now has charge of the cabinet and refinishing shop.

On January 23, 1889, Mr. Frey was united in marriage to

Miss Mary Ann Thomas, a daughter of John and Amelia Thomas, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Frey are the parents of two children, William Leroy, born October 22, 1893, is connected with the rug department of the Larkin Company, and Elsie Amelia is the wife of John O'Brien, a musician of Peoria. Leroy enlisted for the World war and served fifteen months in France as a member of the Three Hundred and Ninth Engineers, also being classed as a first-class musician. He was honorably discharged in New York city.

William Frey has filled various public offices, including one term as tax collector, after which he was appointed city treasurer, in which office he has served for the past seven years. He was also appointed a commissioner for the sanitary district of East Peoria, now having three years yet to serve. He has an excellent record of progressive and public-spirited citizenship, having always supported those things which make for the well-being of society, and throughout the community in which he lives he commands respect and confidence.

SAMUEL HIRSCH, M. D.

One of La Salle's most distinguished professional men is Dr. Samuel Hirsch, who for the past thirty years has been successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery here and has commanded a high place in the esteem of the people of his community. The Doctor was born in Prussia, Germany, on the 23d of April, 1862, and is a son of Emanuel and Ernestine (Jastrow) Hirsch, of whom the former was a merchant in Germany.

Samuel Hirsch received a good education in the public schools and colleges of his native land, and, in 1881, at the age of eighteen years, came to the United States. He entered the medical department of the University of New York, there studying for five years, and in 1886 went to Chicago, where he spent one year in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the University of Illinois. On leaving that institution he assisted in the organization of the Jenner Medical College, in which he took three years of advanced medical work and from which he received the

degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1898. He practiced medicine in Chicago for two years and in 1900 came to La Salle, where he has been engaged in the active practice of his profession to the present time. He has kept in close touch with the advances in the healing art and has always been regarded as one of this city's ablest medical men, enjoying a wide reputation for his ability and skill.

In 1889 Dr. Hirsch was united in marriage to Miss Anna Gustadt, a native of Germany, and they are the parents of two daughters. Sadie is the wife of Joe Steffins, of Atlantic, Iowa, and they have two children, Robert and Doris. Adeline is the wife of Tom Waggett, of East Moline, Illinois, and the mother of two children, Norma and Charlotte.

Dr. Hirsch is a republican in his political affiliation and fraternally is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the La Salle Medical Society, the La Salle County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. The Doctor possesses marked literary ability and has written a number of books, which will be published in 1931, among which are the following: *Auri Sacra Fames*; *Janina, the Russian Slave Girl*; *Angelica*; *The Fatal Gift*; *The Call of the Blood*; and *You are My Beacon*. Dr. Hirsch has never been found wanting in his support of all measures for the betterment or upbuilding of the community and is a liberal patron of all worthy benevolent causes. In all respects, he has proven worthy of the confidence and esteem which are accorded him and stands among La Salle's representative professional men.

CLARENCE LEE SMITH

Clarence Lee Smith, engaged in business at Canton under the style of Smith's Chicks, Inc., of which he is the president, has the enterprise and ability which make for progress and for success and is one of the best known poultrymen in western Illinois. He was born July 9, 1887, in the town where he still resides, a son of Aaron F. Smith and a grandson of Aaron H. Smith, who was one of the pioneers of Fulton county, Illinois. In this county

Aaron F. Smith was born, reared and educated and started out in life as a cigar maker. For many years he followed that occupation but is now caretaker of the Graham Hospital at Canton. Throughout life he has been a reader and a student, acquiring a liberal education in this way. He has held office in the Modern Woodmen of America and is a republican in his political views. He married Flora Baxter, a native of Fulton county and a daughter of John H. Baxter, who was the first to introduce artificial gas in Canton. Mrs. Smith has long been active in the work of the Baptist Church and Sunday school and she exercises her right of franchise in support of the candidates of the republican party. To Mr. and Mrs. Aaron F. Smith were born four children: Donald B., who lives in Fiatt, Illinois; Clarence Lee; Robert E., whose home is in Chicago; and Nellie, now Mrs. Clifford Wilson, of Canton.

In the schools of his native town Clarence L. Smith pursued his studies until the completion of his sophomore course, when he entered business life, and was a newspaper reporter for two years. Afterward he learned the trade of molder, which he followed for a quarter of a century, working most of the time in the shops of the Parlin & Orendorff Plow Works, and during the latter part of that period became interested in the raising of poultry. With a small capital he established the Chestnut Hatchery at his home in 1922, later changing the name to the Chestnut Street Hatchery, and subsequently adopted the style of Smith's Chicks, which became Smith's Chicks, Inc., in December, 1928. The charter was granted by the Illinois Corporation Commission and is now accredited by the state of Illinois. The business is capitalized at seventy-five hundred dollars, of which six thousand dollars has been paid in.

All of the eggs are obtained from inspected flocks and only the best strains are produced in the Smith plant. It is equipped with three mammoth electric automatic incubators, capable of hatching one hundred and twenty-five thousand chicks in the four months' hatching season, and Mr. Smith has a branch hatchery at Farmington, Illinois. The main plant has a brooder capacity of five thousand chicks. Ninety-five per cent of the hatch is sold locally. A feature of this business is the custom hatching

of fancy fowls and special fowls. There are also adequate facilities for hatching ducks, geese and turkeys. During the busy season about six people are employed in the plant, which is a model institution, located in the rear of 42 West Chestnut street. Every detail of the work is under the direct supervision of Mr. Smith, who has carefully planned each step in the development of this important enterprise and possesses the executive force and sound judgment which insure its continued growth and expansion. Through experience and study he has acquired a comprehensive knowledge of the poultry business and the methods which he uses are based upon system and science, which produce the best results.

On the 24th of April, 1909, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Harriett Elizabeth Jordan, who was born in Norris, Illinois, December 30, 1890, and completed her education at St. David, this state. Her father followed the occupation of a coal miner in England, his native country and also in the state of Illinois, and her mother was a native of Wales. They had a family of seven children: Harriett Elizabeth, Alfred, Daniel and Thomas Jordan, all residents of Peoria, Illinois; Edith, who is Mrs. Robert Rennie, of Peoria; Lillian, the wife of Obie Beechler, of Peoria; and Catherine, who married C. A. Powers and is living in Canton.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Smith is at 81 North Ninth avenue. He belongs to the Travelers Protective Association, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Loyal Order of Moose, while his wife is identified with the Moose Legion, the Daughters of Pocahontas, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Circle 3 Society and the Young Women's Christian Association. She is prominent socially and is acquainted with most of the residents of Canton. Her political allegiance is given to the republican party and both she and her husband have membership in the Baptist Church. Mr. Smith maintains an independent attitude in politics, voting according to the dictates of his judgment, and is liberal and broad-minded in his views on all subjects. He loyally cooperates in movements for the growth and betterment of his district but has never sought public office. He finds recreation in travel, in fishing, hunting and athletic sports. His reading is largely along the line of educational books and trade and poultry

journals. He belongs to the International Baby Chicks Association and keeps in close touch with the latest developments in his particular field. Mr. Smith is regarded as one of the most progressive poultrymen in this part of the state and the measure of prosperity which he now enjoys is well deserved, for it has resulted from hard work and fair dealing, coupled with the ability to perceive and utilize the opportunities that have come his way.

ROBERT A. HOGAN

One of the leading dairy concerns in Peoria county is the Illinois Dairy Company, of which Robert A. Hogan is owner. He is experienced in this line of business and is giving his attention closely to it, with the result that well merited prosperity is crowning his efforts. Mr. Hogan is descended from sterling old Irish stock, his paternal grandfather, Nicholas J. Hogan, who died in Peoria in 1915, having been a native son of the Emerald isle. At the age of sixteen years he came to the United States and worked his way westward to Peoria, where he found employment in a brickyard. After working there for some time, he engaged in the making of brick on his own account, operating a yard on Sheridan road in what is now the eleven hundred block. Among his children was Patrick J. Hogan, who was born in Peoria on March 19, 1858. After a limited school attendance he went to work in his father's brickyard, which line of employment he followed for some years. He married Miss Mary A. Marie, who was born on a farm at Pottstown, Illinois, a daughter of Joseph Marie. To these parents were born nine children, as follows: One who died in infancy; Kathleen, who died at the age of eleven years; Nicholas, who died on October 12, 1912, at the age of twenty-eight years; Joseph, who is connected with the Hill Top Coal Company, of Peoria, and is superintendent of the construction force, married Miss Tillie Pfander, of Peoria; Mary, the wife of George A. Hanlon, who is a dairy farmer at Oak Hill, Illinois; Teresa, who resides with a sister at Oak Hill, Illinois; Doretta, the wife of Charles Hayes, who runs a dairy farm at Alta, Illinois, and they have four daughters, Kathleen, Louise, Eloise and Frances;

Agnes, the wife of Wilbur Vase, who is connected with the Sweeney Oil Company, and they have three children, Wilbur, Donald and Betty; and Robert A., of this review.

Robert A. Hogan received his education in St. Mary's and St. Mark's parochial schools, completing his studies in Spalding Institute, of Peoria. When he was fourteen years of age, his father died and he had to take charge of the home farm, of eighty-four acres, which he carried on until he was twenty-one years of age. He then rented the farm from the estate, operating it for some time, after which he purchased a milk route in Peoria. He had a dairy farm and made the deliveries himself. He operated that route for three and a half years, when he entered into a partnership with James H. Cross. The new firm, under the name of the Illinois Dairy Company, started in active operations in February, 1925, at 1709 Sheridan road, and they are enjoying a large and prosperous business. They utilize several auto delivery trucks and handle all pasteurized milk products. The dairy building is forty by one hundred and twenty-five feet in size, is modern in every respect and all of the machinery equipment is of the most improved type.

On June 14, 1922, Mr. Hogan was united in marriage to Miss Susanne H. Bruce, a daughter of Reuben and Helene Bruce, the latter a native of Switzerland. Mr. and Mrs. Hogan are the parents of two children, Robert A., Jr., born on February 8, 1923, and Eileen, born on April 23, 1924. Mr. Hogan and his family are members of St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church and give their support to those things which promise to promote the general welfare of the community.

VIRGIL P. PERISHO, D. D. S.

On the list of professional men in Streator appears the name of Dr. Virgil P. Perisho, a dentist of state-wide prominence. He was born in Yale, Illinois, in 1880 and is a son of Perry Dennis and Mary (McFadden) Perisho. The family is of Huguenot origin and has been represented in Coles county, Illinois, since pioneer times and in Streator since 1904. Perry D. Perisho, also a

native of Illinois, became well known as a progressive agriculturist and remained a resident of the state until his demise on October 7, 1928. To Mr. and Mrs. Perisho were born six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Eley E., who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Streator; Oney R., who makes his home in El Paso, Texas; Brodie E., of Yale, Illinois; Mrs. William M. Curl, of Charleston, Illinois; Mrs. Caltha J. Kibber, a resident of Chicago; and Virgil P.

The last named attended the public schools of Jasper county, Illinois, and Valparaiso Normal University at Valparaiso, Indiana, and prepared for his chosen vocation in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery. Following his graduation he located in Streator, where he has followed his profession for many years, establishing a large practice. His office at 301 East Main street is thoroughly modern in its equipment and his knowledge and skill have placed him with the foremost dentists of the Illinois River Valley. In recognition of his ability he was made a member of the executive council of the State Dental Society, which he represented in this capacity for three years, upholding the high standards of the profession. He has served on many committees having been secretary of La Salle County Dental Society for twelve years and later its president.

Dr. Perisho was married October 3, 1913, in Rutland, Illinois, to Miss Elsa I. Sauer, a daughter of George and Augusta Sauer and a member of one of the old families of that town. The three children of this marriage are George Virgil, Donald M. and Robert Allen, aged respectively twelve, eight and five years. The Doctor's fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while along strictly social lines he has connection with the Streator Club and the Streator Golf & Country Club. He is a lover of music, has been a member of the male quartette of the Methodist Church and is much interested in musical, religious and community affairs. Being a music promoter Dr. Perisho acts as chairman of the executive committee and through his influence the Illinois State Music Teachers' Association has been brought here four different times as well as several famous orchestras and numerous other musical attractions. He served as chairman

of the executive committee and as a board member of the Young Men's Christian Association of Streator, is an enterprising member of the Chamber of Commerce and an energetic worker for good roads as a member of that board. His activities in the field of professional service and in other connections have been beneficially resultant and in the life of his city Dr. Perisho fills an important place, while his sincerity, integrity and strength of character have established him high in public esteem.

CALVIN LEWIS CAIN

For five years Calvin L. Cain has been successfully engaged in the general insurance business in Rushville under the style of Cain & Hinderer, one of the foremost organizations of the kind in this part of the state, and had previously won prominence in the educational field. He was born in Golden, Illinois, July 25, 1873, a son of Philip Cain, who followed agricultural pursuits, and the grandparents were also farmers. The father was born January 9, 1849, and was of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction. Leaving the Keystone state, his parents journeyed to Coshocton, Ohio, and later removed to Adams county, Illinois. Casanda Cain, the mother of Calvin L. Cain, was born in North Carolina, February 1, 1851, and when very young came to Illinois with her parents, who settled in Adams county, where practically her entire life was spent.

In the common schools of his native county Calvin L. Cain acquired his early instruction, working during vacation periods on the home farm near Golden until eighteen years of age, when he passed the required examination and received a teacher's certificate. The money which he earned as a country school teacher was used to defray his expenses as a student in the Western Illinois Normal School at Bushnell, McDonough county, and between sessions his energies were devoted to the task of tilling the soil. For thirteen years he was an instructor in the rural and grade schools of Adams county and after his removal to Schuyler county, Illinois, he taught for nine years in the public schools of Frederick and Huntsville. Public recognition of his ability as an edu-

cator came to Mr. Cain in 1914 when he was elected superintendent of schools of Schuyler county, and his achievements in that connection won him reelection in 1918. He retired from the office August 1, 1923, receiving a teacher's annuity of four hundred dollars and on that date, he signed a contract with the Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York, having made preparations therefor by taking a correspondence course, and served his full time with that company. He then formed a partnership with Adrian H. Hinderer, of Frederick, Illinois, and since July 1, 1925, they have been associated under the firm style of Cain & Hinderer, located in Rushville. They write insurance of all kinds and within a few years have built up an extensive business by judicious management, tireless application and methods that will bear the light of close investigation and scrutiny.

In the Methodist parsonage at Quincy, Illinois, January 20, 1920, was solemnized the marriage of Calvin Lewis Cain and Jessie G. (Gans) Klepper, who was born February 3, 1874, in Virginia, Cass county, Illinois, and is of Dutch descent. Her father, Henry Gans, was a native of Marietta, Pennsylvania, born December 3, 1846, and as a young man enlisted in the Union Army, serving throughout the entire war. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and an earnest worker in its behalf. On the 9th of February, 1865, he married Frances Millner, who was born in Greenbrier county, West Virginia, March 22, 1846, and they had a family of twelve children, four sons and eight daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Cain have long been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the latter has been a member of its choir for fifteen years. A persistent reader of the Bible, she has taught classes in the Sunday school, served as secretary, and for many years has been active in the affairs of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. For a considerable period Mr. Cain taught in the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school at Rushville, becoming its superintendent in 1917 and the first to occupy that office in the new house of worship here. He adheres to the political faith of his father and grandfather and from the time age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been unfaltering in his allegiance to the democratic party. At the time of the world

conflict he was chairman of the local committee in charge of the sale of War Savings stamps and served on every committee for home work during that period. In addition he organized the Rushville Home Guard, comprising one hundred members, and was appointed supply sergeant of this company, thus serving until honorably discharged at the close of the war. In 1894 he was inducted into the Knights of Pythias at Augusta, Hancock county, Illinois, being the first to join the lodge there, and passed through all of its chairs. With his removal to Rushville he transferred his membership to Schuyler Lodge, No. 209, with which he has since been identified. For several years he was president and a director of the Schuyler Gun Club, formed for fishing and duck hunting, and still belongs to the organization, while he also finds recreation in trap shooting. Keenly interested in natural history, Mr. Cain has devoted much time to the study of that subject, upon which he is thoroughly informed. His has been a well rounded development and the history of his life is a record of continuous progress and successful achievement, while his personal qualities are such as command respect and inspire strong and enduring regard.

NORMAN W. CONNAWAY, M. D.

Dr. Norman W. Connaway, who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Newark, has earned a wide reputation for his ability and skill in combatting human ills and stands high in the professional circles of the Illinois River Valley. Born in Jefferson county, Illinois, on the 21st of August, 1871, he is a son of Oliver and Levina (Mount) Connaway. The father was born in Montezuma, Parke county, Indiana, and in an early day came to this state, locating in Jefferson county, where he followed agricultural pursuits for many years, but is now retired, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife was born near Nashville, Tennessee, and in her young girlhood was brought to Illinois by her parents. Her death occurred in 1925.

Norman W. Connaway, who is the second in order of birth of the five children of Oliver and Levina Connaway, acquired

his education in the public schools of Jefferson county and after graduating from high school matriculated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of St. Louis, from which he was graduated, with the M. D. degree in 1906. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Woodlawn, Illinois, where he remained for some time. He was also for a while at Christopher, Franklin county, and Sheridan, La Salle county, and then came to his present location, in which he has been rewarded with a splendid measure of success. He is a constant student of his profession, keeping in close touch with the advances in medical science, and has a well equipped office.

On August 7, 1895, at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, Dr. Connaway was united in marriage to Miss Ida F. Phillips, and they are the parents of two children: Hazel G., who is the wife of John Rodenbush, a mine superintendent at West Frankfort, Illinois, and the mother of one child; and Beatrice, the wife of Harold Wensland. Dr. Connaway gives his political support to the democratic party and fraternally is a Mason. He maintains active affiliation with the Kendall County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Mrs. Connaway is a prominent member and active worker in the fraternal association known as the Mystic Workers and is now serving as district superintendent for the insurance department. Though a busy man professionally, the Doctor has in no way neglected his duties as a citizen and gives his hearty support to every interest of value to the community.

GILBERT C. CLEVELAND, D. D. S.

In the dental profession in Tazewell county, no name is more highly esteemed than that of Dr. Gilbert C. Cleveland, who has been engaged in the practice of dentistry here for twenty-eight years and has followed his profession for forty-two years. He was born in Brown county, Illinois, August 3, 1863, and is a son of William and Lavilla (Woolsey) Cleveland. He is a member of one of the oldest and best known families of America, the line being traced back to Moses Cleveland, a native of England, who

came to this country in a very early day and located in Prince William county, Virginia. He received the first charter and was one of the organizers of the city of Cleveland, Ohio. Among his descendants was Alexander Cleveland IV, who was born in Prince William county, Virginia, and was the father of Alexander Cleveland V, who was born at Leesburg, Kentucky, in 1895, and died in Monroe county, Indiana. He married a Miss George, of Leesburg, a sister of Gabriel George, and they became the parents of Alexander Cleveland VI, who was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, and died at Mount Tabor, Indiana. He was a planter and large slave owner. He married Miss Mary Kendrick, who was born in Scott county, Kentucky, and died at Mount Tabor, Indiana. Among their children was William Cleveland, who was born at Mount Tabor, Indiana, December 27, 1828, and died in Pekin, Illinois, October 16, 1906. He was a potter by trade and established the first pottery at Macomb, Illinois, later also starting potteries at Bardolph and Bushnell, Illinois. He was a republican in politics, served a number of years as a justice of the peace, and was a member of the Christian Church. His wife, Lavilla (Woolsey) Cleveland, was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, June 20, 1834, and died at Bushnell, Illinois, December 16, 1913.

Gilbert C. Cleveland attended the public schools at Bardolph and Macomb, Illinois, and had two years in the high school at Bushnell, after which he took special work under a private tutor in Kansas City. He entered the Western Dental College, at Kansas City, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, in 1887. He entered upon the practice of his profession in that city, but later located in Eureka, Illinois, where he remained until January 1, 1901, when he came to Pekin, where he has practiced his profession to the present time. He keeps up to date in dental technique, is careful and painstaking in all of his work, and thousands of satisfied patrons testify to his ability and courtesy. He has been successful from a material viewpoint and owns the building in which he is located, also having real estate holdings at Spring Lake, Illinois, and at Clear Lake, this state, where he goes for hunting and fishing.

Dr. Cleveland was married July 16, 1888, at Bushnell, Illi-

nois, to Miss Janie Patterson, a native of Brown county, this state, and a daughter of William and Martha (Stupes) Patterson. Her father is deceased and her mother lives in Galesburg. Dr. and Mrs. Cleveland are the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Lola Cleveland Barcus, of Gary, Indiana. The Doctor is a democrat in his political views and is a member of the Christian Church. He belongs to the Association of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Knights of Pythias, and the Durang Gun Club. He is affiliated with the Tazewell County Dental Society, the Illinois State Dental Association and the American Dental Association. He has always supported those things which contribute to the well-being of society and is one of Pekin's substantial and worthy citizens.

FRANKLIN JOSEPH COLLIER

Franklin Joseph Collier had attained the age of about seventy-two years when he departed this life January 17, 1930, and had become widely known as president of the Bartonville State Bank of Bartonville, one of the most substantial and prosperous financial institutions of the Illinois River Valley. He was born on a farm in Limestone township, Peoria county, Illinois, February 14, 1858, his parents being Joseph and Ann (Kear) Collier, both natives of England, the former born in Kingston, August 11, 1817, and the latter on August 20, 1817. They were married in England but eventually crossed the Atlantic to America, landing in New York city on the 28th of September, 1848. They located first in Pennsylvania and thence came to Illinois, establishing their home in Peoria county, where Joseph Collier engaged in farming and also devoted his attention to the operation of coal mines near what is now Bartonville. He donated the ground on which stands the Methodist Church of Bartonville and took an active part in the work of this religious organization.

Franklin Joseph Collier, the last of a family of eight children, acquired his education in the schools of his native county and when still quite young became associated with his father in the supervision of the latter's mining interests. Mining claimed his attention for many years and in this field he gained a grati-

fying measure of prosperity. In the year 1920 he assisted in the organization of the Bartonville State Bank, of which he was elected president, continuing at the head of the institution to the time of his death. Under his wise direction the business of the bank grew and expanded rapidly and he enjoyed an enviable reputation as an able and successful financier.

On the 10th of February, 1881, Mr. Collier was united in marriage to Miss Kate Straesser, whose father and mother emigrated to this country from Germany in the years 1809 and 1820, respectively, and were married in Pennsylvania. Miss Straesser, a native of Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, came to Illinois to visit relatives and was here married to Franklin J. Collier, the ceremony taking place on a farm on the present site of Bartonville. They reared a family of eight children, named below. Ernest, the eldest, born April 24, 1882, is connected with the auditing department of the Illinois Central Railroad and resides in Chicago. Edith, whose natal day was April 15, 1883, is the wife of Ray Smith, of Bartonville, in the service of the Rock Island Railroad, and is the mother of four children: Catherine, William, Marjorie and Phyllis. Joseph, born August 14, 1884, is a practicing attorney of Berwyn, Illinois, where he resides with his wife, Mrs. Anna (Koener) Collier, and their eight children. Chester John, who was born December 14, 1885, married Ella Nyquist, has four children and lives in East Moline, Illinois. Ethel, born July 14, 1887, is the wife of Clyde Denton, a successful lawyer of Memphis, Tennessee. Anna, who was born January 25, 1890, is the wife of Dr. H. C. Williams of Bartonville. Crist who was born December 2, 1892, is connected with the surveying department of the Illinois Central Railroad and makes his home in Clinton, this state. He married Miss Erma Findley and has a family of three children. Theodore, born April 18, 1902, is married and has one child. He resides in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he is associated with the Capitol Steel & Iron Company.

An active member of the Masonic fraternity, Franklin J. Collier attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and belonged to the following bodies: Peoria Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Mohammed Temple, A. A. O.

N. M. S. For many years he served as a member of the board of trustees of the Methodist Church of Bartonville and its teachings found exemplification in his daily life. He erected a beautiful home at 6029 South Adams street, standing on a rise of ground overlooking the Illinois river and the town of Bartonville. In his passing the county of Peoria, in which his entire life was spent, sustained the loss of one of its most prominent and respected citizens, for he had a host of friends and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

JACOB HERMAN PEISKER, M. D.

Dr. Jacob H. Peisker is one of the best known physicians in Calhoun county, throughout which his practice extends, and is recognized as a capable, safe and successful doctor. He was born at Kampsville, Calhoun county, on November 19, 1887, and is a son of Herman and Magdaline (Becker) Peisker, both of whom were natives of Germany. The parents were brought to this country in childhood and were reared and educated in Columbia, Illinois. They were married at that place and moved onto a farm in Calhoun county, near Kampsville. The father died in 1900, after a quiet, but earnest and successful life as a farmer. At the time of her marriage to Mr. Peisker the mother was the widow of Morris Getz, to which union had been born three children, namely: Rudolph, deceased, was a farmer; Alloys is engaged in farming near Kampsville, and Albert is engaged in the hardware business in Kampsville. To Herman and Magdaline Peisker were born three children, namely: Jacob H., of this review; Josephine, who is the wife of Oscar Tharp, a merchant of Kampsville, and Anna, who is the wife of Dr. Goltz, of Grafton, Illinois.

Jacob H. Peisker received his early education in the public schools of Kampsville, pursued his academic studies in St. Francis College, at Quincy, this state, and then matriculated in Barnes Medical College, in St. Louis, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During his vacation periods he worked on his father's farm. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Hamburg, Calhoun county, in 1910, and two years later



DR. JACOB H. PEISKER

came to Hardin, where he commands an extensive practice in medicine and surgery. He is closely devoted to his life work, gives prompt response to every call, as far as possible, regardless of weather conditions or remuneration consideration.

Dr. Peisker was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Rose, a daughter of William Rose, of Kampsville, and they have two children, William, aged fifteen years, and Virginia, aged eight years. The Doctor is a staunch democrat in his political views and has served two terms as coroner of Calhoun county. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and is affiliated with the Calhoun County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Mrs. Peisker is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is greatly esteemed by his professional brethren and commands the confidence of the people of Calhoun county to a marked degree.

GEORGE LUCIUS BEARD

In George Lucius Beard, Rushville has secured an experienced and capable city clerk, who has always regarded a public office as a public trust and has conscientiously fulfilled life's duties and responsibilities. He was born in Woodstock township, Schuyler county, Illinois, August 30, 1867, and is of English descent. His father, David William Beard, was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, January 15, 1829, a son of James Beard, who made gloves and hats. In 1833, when four years of age, David W. Beard came to Illinois with his parents, who were numbered among the early settlers of Woodstock township. After attending the rural schools of that locality he took up the occupation of farming, which he followed throughout life in Schuyler county, passing away October 1, 1875. His forbears were Quakers but he was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and his political support was given to the republican party. He never sought public office, concentrating his attention upon his work, and was a man of substantial worth, known and respected throughout Woodstock township. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Esther Howell, was born in Hendricks, Indiana,

September 29, 1832, and was but a year old when her parents removed to Brown county, Illinois. Two of her brothers fought in the Civil war and one died while in the service of the Union. Mrs. Beard long survived her husband, passing away January 23, 1911, in the Methodist Episcopal faith. They had a family of nine children but all are now deceased except Mrs. H. M. Murray, of Beardstown, Illinois, and George L. Beard.

The latter was a pupil in a district school of his native township and attended the Kennedy Normal and Business College at Rushville. In October, 1890, he matriculated in the Northern Indiana Normal and Business College at Valparaiso, where he was graduated in 1891, upon the completion of a general commercial course, and then entered the educational field, teaching in Schuyler county for about seven years. In 1898 he erected a building near Sugar Grove, in Schuyler county, Illinois, where he conducted a store for nine years. In 1907 he purchased a small farm in Woodstock township, and turned his attention to the raising of poultry, being thus engaged for about five years. In December, 1910, he located in Rushville and was employed in various capacities until 1912, when he was elected city clerk. After serving six years he resigned and went to Peoria, Illinois, where he was connected with the Wilson Provision Company for a few years. In 1921, through appointment as a committee clerk, he became identified with the state legislature at Springfield and later, while associated with highway work as a timekeeper, he received injuries which resulted in a broken hip. He had previously lost an arm when fourteen years of age. In 1927 he was again the popular choice for city clerk of Rushville and although handicapped, he has made an enviable record in the office, keeping the work of his department up to a high standard of efficiency. Mr. Beard was instrumental in having a post office established at Layton in 1898, and was the only postmaster, serving from the time of its inception until 1907, at which time it was discontinued. He is a republican and takes a keen interest in city and county politics.

Mr. Beard was married April 5, 1899, to Miss Laura Morris, who was born in Barton county, Missouri, January 14, 1878. Her father, Richard Lee Morris, was born in Ohio, July 29, 1847,

and saw active service in the Civil war as a member of Company C, Eighty-fourth Regiment of Illinois Volunteer Infantry. Afterward he joined the Grand Army of the Republic and his religious views were in harmony with the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church. By occupation he was a farmer and was a resident of Hersman, Brown county, Illinois, at the time of his demise, which occurred December 21, 1909. His wife, Elizabeth Lucretia (Black) Morris, was born October 2, 1859, and was married December 3, 1876, when a young woman of seventeen years. Mr. and Mrs. Beard have two children: Helen Irene, who was born October 27, 1904; and David Morris, who was born December 3, 1906, was graduated from the Rushville high school, and is serving in the navy. Mrs. Beard and her son and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and she is also active in the work of the G. A. R. Circle. Mr. Beard is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has passed through all the chairs in his lodge. For recreation he turns to gardening and he also finds enjoyment in music, possessing a voice of pleasing quality. He is the owner of a modern home in Rushville and his sterling worth is attested by his fellow citizens, who speak of him in terms of high regard.

HENRY BENEDICT FISHER

Among the capable and experienced educators of northern Illinois is numbered Henry Benedict Fisher, whose achievements as superintendent of the city schools of Streator have won for him more than local prominence. He was born in Boone county, this state, December 31, 1870, and is a son of William Henry and Mary C. Fisher. His father, a native of Washington county, New York, came west as a pioneer minister of the Methodist Church in 1862 and settled in Illinois. There are three sons in the family: William, who lives in California; Henry B; and James, a resident of Wisconsin.

Henry attended the grammar and high schools of Marengo, Illinois, and Northwestern University in Evanston, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1896. Later he attended

the University of Chicago and also took post-graduate courses in Columbia University of New York city, thus making thorough preparation for his chosen line of work. He entered upon his career as an educator at Calumet, Michigan, and next had charge of the schools of Geneseo, Illinois. In 1914 he came to Streator and for sixteen years has been superintendent of its public schools, which have made notable strides during that period, now ranking with the best in the state. Thoroughly understanding the needs of the pupils under his direction, he has instituted a number of improvements and has done much to advance the standards of education in Streator.

Mr. Fisher was married December 28, 1899, to Miss Jessie Sweeney, a daughter of John L. Sweeney, of Rushville, Illinois, who served in the Union Army during the Civil war. Her grandfather, Thomas Wilson, was one of the early settlers of this state. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have three children: Linda, at home; William, a member of the senior class of the University of Illinois; and Henry, of Antioch, Ohio.

Mr. Fisher has membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and is a Knight Templar Mason. His public spirit is expressed through his connection with the Rotary Club and the Streator Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Phi Beta Kappa society, to the Phi Delta Kappa, honorary educational fraternity, to the State Teachers Association, and the National Education Association. Both by nature and training Mr. Fisher is well qualified for educational work and through study and experience he is constantly augmenting his knowledge and broadening his field of usefulness.

EDWARD WILSON McDERMOTT

The name of Edward Wilson McDermott figures prominently in business circles of Canton, Illinois, in connection with real estate development and in civic affairs as justice of the peace—an office which he has occupied for a period of six years. He was born in Fairview township, Fulton county, this state, January 12, 1876, and is a son of Eugene Owen and Lucretia Jane

(Darnell) McDermott. The former, a native of County Down, Ireland, came to America when a small boy with his father, who settled in Wisconsin, whence he afterward removed to Illinois, but subsequently returned to the Emerald isle, on which he spent the remainder of his life. His son, Eugene O. McDermott, obtained a common school education and became one of the prosperous farmers of Fulton county, living retired in his later years. During the gold rush he went to California but after a few years returned to Illinois and made his home in this state until his demise. He was reared in the Catholic faith but afterward became a Protestant. He voted with the democratic party and as a young man was active in county politics. By nature he was genial and kind-hearted and had a wide circle of friends. His wife was a native of Fulton county and a daughter of the Rev. Alfred Darnell, of Farmington township, who was one of the pioneer ministers of the county. She was a very active member of the Methodist Church and did much charitable work, constantly extending a helping hand to those in need. Mr. and Mrs. McDermott were the parents of six children: John H., who was born on April 19, 1868; Anna, who was born on March 7, 1870, and is now Mrs. J. C. Taylor; Agnes, born on November 22, 1872; Charles A., born on February 16, 1874; Edward Wilson, born January 12, 1876; and Sadie Wilson, born July 20, 1888. They were all born in Fairview township.

Edward W. McDermott attended the country schools of Fairview township and assisted his father in tilling the soil, thus gaining a practical knowledge of agricultural pursuits, which claimed his attention until he was about twenty-five years of age. He then located in Canton, entering the assembly department of the Parlin & Orendorff shops and was there employed for fifteen years, or until 1918. He then became connected with the local wholesale house and three years later accepted a position as traveling salesman, devoting a similar period to that line of work. He now deals in insurance and real estate and is also custodian of the Randolph office building. Thoroughly acquainted with property values in this locality, he gives to his clients valuable assistance in placing their investments and has been instrumental in the consummation of a number of important deals in realty.

He has also written considerable insurance and his business is wisely and profitably conducted.

Mr. McDermott was married August 18, 1897, to Miss Jeanette Seibert, who was born in Fulton county, December 20, 1874, and passed away September 15, 1926. She had become the mother of four children, all of whom are living except Maude Fay, who was born December 22, 1901, and died October 14, 1918. Mabel E., born February 7, 1908, has acted as her father's secretary since her graduation from the Canton high school in 1926. She is a member of the Congregational Church and also of the Young Women's Christian Association. Carl E., born February 25, 1912, was graduated from the local high school in 1929 and is now employed as a clerk in Canton. Ruth E., born November 8, 1916, is a high school pupil. For his second wife Mr. McDermott chose Mrs. Libbie C. Jacobson, to whom he was married December 26, 1928. She was born in Fulton county, July 1, 1889, a daughter of Andrew and Addie (Ray) Johnson, whose family numbered seven children. The others were: Frank, deceased; Henry R., who lives in Canton; Mrs. Jennie Moran, who has passed away; Fred L., also deceased; Mrs. Bernice Clark, a resident of San Francisco, California; and Mrs. Orpha Gregory, whose home is in Iola, Kansas. The daughter, Libbie C. Johnson, acquired her education in the public schools of Bronson, Kansas, and was married to Benjamin F. Jacobson, in Canton, December 8, 1897. They were the parents of a son, Lloyd Jacobson, who was born September 21, 1909, and is now a resident of Chicago.

Mr. McDermott is a republican and an influential factor in the local ranks of the party. He was an alderman for one term and in 1924 was elected justice of the peace, in which capacity he is still serving—a fact indicative of his qualifications for the office and fidelity to the trust reposed in him. In civic activities he is a leading spirit and loses no opportunity to boost his town. He is identified with the American Red Cross society and during the World war worked for the success of the various drives, also serving on the registration boards of both drafts. He is a champion of the Boy Scouts of America and of all movements which tend to raise the standards of American citizenship. In fraternal

affairs he has also figured prominently and for years was chief officer of the drill team of the Modern Woodmen of America. Since 1912 he has been a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, has held every office in his lodge except that of secretary, and has twice been dictator. He also belongs to the Travelers Protective Association, which he has represented in the capacity of second vice president. Mrs. McDermott has held all of the offices in the local chapter of the Eastern Star and is a member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. She has passed through all of the chairs in the order of Rebekah and at one time was district president of the organization. In the Royal Neighbors she also held office and is likewise affiliated with the Moose Legion. Without political bias, she casts her ballot for the candidates whom she considers best qualified for office, and her religious views are in harmony with the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, of which she is a consistent member. Appreciative of the beauties of nature, she enjoys outdoor life, but above all is a home maker, and Mr. McDermott largely finds his recreation in reading. They have valuable real estate holdings in Canton and possess many commendable traits of character, which have won for them a high place in public esteem.

JOHN B. MILLER

America has been the land of opportunity to John B. Miller, who for many years was an earnest, purposeful and efficient worker, achieving a measure of success which now enables him to live retired, and maintains his home in Grand Ridge, Illinois. He was born in Oxford, England, August 19, 1858, a son of Thomas E. and Anna (Castle) Miller, the former also a native of Oxford. Their family numbered eight children, of whom John B. Miller was the third in order of birth. He attended the public schools of England until he reached the age of sixteen years and then crossed the Atlantic, arriving in the United States in 1874. His studies were completed in Illinois and from 1884 to 1894 his attention was given to the occupation of farming. Removing to Chicago, he entered the live stock commission business, to which

he devoted his energies for ten years, prospering in the undertaking. In 1904 he again engaged in farming and continued to follow agricultural pursuits until 1922, bringing his land to a high state of development. His work was performed with businesslike thoroughness and system and gratifying returns rewarded his well directed labors. For eight years he has been retired, spending the summer months in Grand Ridge, Illinois, and residing in Florida during the winter season.

On the 12th of February, 1884, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Mary M. Simpson, a daughter of John and Lydia (Bishop) Simpson, La Salle county pioneers, and of English descent. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born four children, of whom Herbert died at the age of nineteen years. Frank A., who is engaged in the commission business in Chicago, married Miss Ida Osmonson. The daughter, Jessie C., is the wife of Orville Woodward, a farmer residing at Sandy Ford, and they have three children, Wesley, Robert and Herbert. John P., the fourth in order of birth, is at home.

In religious faith Mr. and Mrs. Miller are Episcopalians and conscientiously adhere to the teachings of this church. Along fraternal lines he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and in politics is a republican. While never an office seeker, he takes the interest of a good citizen in public affairs and is loyal to the land of his adoption, being thoroughly American in spirit and sympathies. When he came to this country he had no capital save youth, energy and determination and to these assets he owes his success.

WILBUR LORENZO BOWEN, M. D.

One of the most highly educated and best equipped physicians and surgeons of Peoria is Dr. Wilbur L. Bowen, who is now connected with the Collins Clinic, in the Jefferson building. He was born on the 18th of July, 1897, at Gordonsville, Orange county, Virginia, and is a son of Emmett Wilbur and Fannie E. (Hopper) Bowen. The father was born in Virginia, and now resides in Washington, D. C., while the mother, who was a

native of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, died at the age of thirty-eight years. The paternal grandfather, Lorenzo Bowen, was a veteran of the Civil war, serving in the Southern Army, with the rank of colonel. To Emmett and Fannie Bowen, were born five children, one of whom died in infancy. Mary became the wife of Carl P. Kramer, an attorney of New York city, and they have a son, Carl P., Jr. James H., who is a graduate of George Washington University and is practicing law in Washington, D. C., married Miss Beverly Burton, a native of that city, whose parents are natives of Virginia; James H. and Beverly Bowen are the parents of two children, Beverly Burton and Doris. Emeline E. is a graduate of Cabell Hall, of Washington.

Wilbur Lorenzo Bowen received his early education in a private school in Gordonsville, Virginia, and later entered a preparatory school at Bedford City, Virginia, from which he graduated in 1915. He then attended George Washington University, graduating from the art department, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He matriculated in the medical school of his alma mater, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1921. He served as interne in the Garfield Memorial Hospital, at Washington, one year, followed by one year in the Emergency Hospital, of that city, and at the same time served as assistant to Dr. James Mitchell, a noted surgeon of Washington. He spent six months at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, where he specialized in psycho-analysis and neuro-pathology, after which he went to the Mayo Clinic, at Rochester, Minnesota, as a fellow in surgery, remaining there three years. In January, 1925, Dr. Bowen came to Peoria to practice surgery and has since been connected with the Collins Clinic, one of the leading institutions of this section of the state.

On December 8, 1925, Dr. Bowen was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Jean Taylor, of Mason City, Illinois, a daughter of J. K. and Myrtle Taylor, who formerly lived in Virginia, but for many years were residents of Mason City, Illinois, and now live in Peoria. Dr. and Mrs. Bowen are the parents of a daughter, Ruth Ann, born June 11, 1929. Mrs. Bowen graduated from the Peoria high school and studied art in the Bradley Institute. The Doctor is a member of the Phi Chi fraternity of George Washing-

ton University, of which he was presiding senior for one year and also served one year each as secretary and presiding junior. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club, the University Club and the Creve Coeur Club, all of Peoria, and the Illinois Valley Yacht Club. He maintains professional affiliations with the Peoria Medical Association, the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the North Central Illinois Medical Association, the American Medical Association and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is a veteran of the World war in which he served in the United States Medical Corps, until honorably discharged in October, 1919.

JOHN PRICKETT

In the passing of John Prickett, of Lewistown, Fulton county, the community sustained the loss of one of its leading and influential citizens. He had rounded out four score years when called to his final rest on the 3d of July, 1919, for he was born September 7, 1838, in Noble county, Indiana, his parents being Isaiah and Eliza (Lothridge) Prickett, natives of Ohio. Two of the children of the family died in infancy. The others were as follows: Harrison, captain of Company A, Fifty-fifth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, who was killed soon afterward by being thrown from a sleigh; Nicholas A., who died in March, 1899, and is buried in the cemetery near Lewistown; Susan C., wife of O. M. McCumber; and Eliza J., wife of John McCumber. The family settled in Fulton county in 1852, and the father bought a farm, on which he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. He was a plain, unassuming man, of upright character and correct habits, and enjoyed the respect of all who knew him.

An earlier biographer wrote: "There is a family tradition that early in the colonial days three brothers by the name of Prickett emigrated from England to the southern states, and that one who located in Virginia planted the branch with which John Prickett is identified. The great-grandfather was killed by the Indians before he had reached the prime of life, and about

1826 the grandfather visited Vermilion county with the intention of entering land and locating, but was taken sick and died at the home of a friend. Isaiah Prickett, thus left fatherless at the age of ten years, began life's labors at that tender age as a farm hand at six dollars and a quarter a month, his home being then in Ohio. In 1836 he settled in Noble county, Indiana, which remained the family home until 1852, when, on account of the unhealthfulness of the climate and impelled by the prevailing spirit of western adventure, he started with teams for Lewistown, Fulton county, Illinois. John Prickett was then a sturdy youth of fourteen. The winter of 1852-53 was spent on the O. P. Davis place. In the spring of 1853 the family moved to a farm belonging to Jacob Prickett, a brother of Isaiah Prickett, where they lived until 1854, when the tract of land which later became the old Prickett homestead was bought. The original eighty acres (now owned by Mrs. C. M. McCumber) is in Section 15, Lewistown township, and at the time of its purchase by Isaiah presented, for improvements, a clearing of about eight acres and a hewn log house. At the time of his death in 1901, the farm had been increased to one hundred and thirty acres, improved by thorough cultivation and modern frame buildings, and he also owned eighty acres in Section 10. At one time he controlled a very large body of swamp lands, comprising eighteen hundred acres near Thompson's Lake, in Waterford and Liverpool townships. The wife of Isaiah Prickett died in 1892, and the remains of both father and mother are now resting in the McNeal cemetery, where repose so many of the early settlers of Lewistown township.

"It will rightly be inferred from a perusal of the above narrative, that John Prickett was a pioneer of two states, and passed through experiences which few men are privileged to recount. The story which he told is therefore full of interest and worthy of careful reading: 'I will say that my early life was spent on the farm and that I bore my part in the work of clearing the old Noble county farm in Indiana, and later helped to clear and improve the old Prickett homestead in Lewistown township. When we first located in Indiana the Indians had not left and I remember visiting an Indian camp with father. Various wild ani-

mals roamed through the country then, deer being plentiful and bears being frequently seen. Father was quite a hunter and kept the table well supplied with wild meat, even after we came to Illinois. Why, I myself have killed wild turkeys right within what are now the corporate limits of Lewistown. The journey from Indiana to our new home in Illinois was made with horse teams and consumed about two weeks. The route lay through a wilderness of timber and swamps, with here and there a town and a section that had been opened up to settlement, and we camped out and slept in and under the wagons at night. I was about fourteen years old when we came to Fulton county and part or most of my boyhood was spent in Indiana. I received my early schooling in the log schoolhouses of Noble county. Some of the first temples of learning in which I pursued my studies were heated by fireplaces for which the larger boys had to cut the wood, and having the light admitted through greased paper which covered the openings cut in the logs. They were supplied with home-made furniture, such as slab benches with wooden pins for legs, and writing desks made of boards laid on wooden pins projecting from the walls. I began life's labors on a farm in the wilderness, with no educational advantages save those that the times afforded, but after we came to Fulton county I attended the Lewistown Seminary four years and I have a fairly good education. During the first years of our residence in Fulton county all kinds of wild game were plentiful and the streams were full of fishes. I have grown to maturity in Fulton county and was early taught habits of industry and economy. I helped to chop, burn and clear the timber from the old home place and became adept with the axe. I remained with my parents long after I was of age and was one of the last of the boys to leave the family fireside. The idea finally grew upon me of establishing a home of my own.'

"Mr. Prickett was twenty-eight years of age when he left the old parental home, having been married during the early part of the year. He now set out to establish a household of his own, with very little money, but with strong muscles, a fair education and a determination to conquer all adverse circumstances and obstacles. After his marriage he settled on a farm of one hundred

acres, which had previously been bought of an uncle, located in Bernadotte township, and after living there for about a year and a half, bought the old home place, some time after purchasing the old Burrington farm of one hundred and seventy acres, then belonging to his father-in-law. This was in the early '70s. Mr. Prickett's indomitable will, his capacity for labor and his fine managerial ability were all brought into full demand during the following quarter of a century, as there was an indebtedness of over seven thousand dollars upon his property which, with interest, he was obliged to meet, as well as maintain an increasing household, and maintain his farm and his homestead according to modern standards. He taught school in the winter months (was thus engaged altogether for seventeen terms), farmed during the remainder of the year, and attended to outside matters early in the morning and late at night. But he rolled up his sleeves, kept a clear head, and had the satisfaction of bringing his land to scientific productiveness, erecting a large modern brick residence and planting around it choice ornamental and fruit trees, and after spending some seven thousand dollars in improvements, of selling his fine property for twenty-five thousand dollars. In 1889 he retired from the farming and stock-raising operations, bought the Judge Shope property in Lewistown, and went to the village to live, but afterward purchased other real estate for residence and investment purposes."

In 1894 Mr. Prickett became actively connected with the Farmers' State Bank of Lewistown and was three years president of that institution. In 1903 he assisted in the organization of the Farmers' State Bank of Cuba, in which he was a stockholder and a director. Besides successfully managing his financial interests Mr. Prickett was engaged in the handling of his real estate and in the care of various estates, his judgment in such matters being highly valued. But whatever success came to him, he was always free in the acknowledgment of deep gratitude for the faithful assistance and unfailing support of his good wife, like himself, a pioneer who performed her great part in laying the foundation of the present prosperity of the township and county.

On February 15, 1866, Mr. Prickett was united in marriage

with Mrs. Margaret Lenhart Apple, a daughter of John and Eliza Lenhart, of Perry county, Ohio. Her parents lived near Zanesville, Ohio, but moved to Fulton county with their family in 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Prickett were the parents of seven children, namely: Della Eliza, who is the wife of William C. Fitzhenry, and lives on the old home farm; Mary, who is a member of the family household; John Henry, who resides in the vicinity of Lewistown, Illinois; Frederick W., who is engaged in farming in Lewistown township, Fulton county; Henry, who is a farmer in Hail county, Nebraska; Harriet, who is the wife of Rev. Charles Fitzhenry, of Lewistown, Illinois; and Charles C., who is mentioned at length elsewhere in this work. All these children have enjoyed the advantages of an excellent education, the three youngest having attended college and graduated therefrom. The wife and mother passed away May 15, 1913.

In politics Mr. Prickett was a supporter of the republican party and for four years served with ability and fidelity on the board of supervisors. His religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He witnessed the marvelous changes which have transformed Fulton county from a scanty settlement to a center of productiveness and prosperity, and performed his part in promoting this development, being one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the community.

CHARLES BRADSHAW

Charles Bradshaw, editor of the Carrollton Patriot, was born in Sheffield, Illinois, December 30, 1856. His father, James F. Bradshaw, was a native of Kentucky, learned the cabinetmaker's trade in early life and in connection with following that pursuit became a furniture dealer. He married Mary M. Smith, who was born in Fulton county, Illinois, and his death occurred in 1895. Mrs. Bradshaw died in 1917.

In the common schools Charles Bradshaw acquired his education, attending at Kirkwood, where the parental home was established in his early boyhood. A natural predilection for journalistic work was manifest in his early life. He was local corre-

spondent for county papers and afterward was local reporter for a town paper between the years of 1876 and 1881, and on the 1st of January, 1882, he purchased a half interest in the Kirkwood Leader at Kirkwood, Illinois, of which he subsequently became sole owner. He continued the publication of that paper until the spring of 1888, and on the 9th of April of the same year he purchased from Clement L. Clapp, The Patriot of Carrollton. The first several years were an up-hill struggle, but he tried to make a paper that would be a credit to Greene county, and his efforts were appreciated and rewarded. The Patriot is recognized as one of the best county seat papers in the Illinois Valley.

In April, 1892, Mr. Bradshaw was elected to fill a vacancy in the Carrollton board of education and in April, 1893, was re-elected for the full term of three years. He joined the Illinois Press Association in 1883, the earliest date at which he was eligible to membership, and he has missed only three or four annual meetings in forty-seven years. He was elected its president at Cairo, in May, 1903, and presided at the Galesburg meeting in February, 1904. He was elected president of the Past Presidents' Club of the I. P. A. in 1928. He has given his political affiliation to the republican party and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist Church.

Mr. Bradshaw and Miss Emma Smith were married in Pasadena, California, June 17, 1915.

CHARLES W. ETHRIDGE

Among Peoria's prosperous industries must be numbered the Peoria Milling Company, of which Charles W. Ethridge is the president and manager. This concern, which has been in operation for a little over ten years, is well known for the high quality of its products, for which there is a steady demand. Mr. Ethridge was born in Camden, Camden county, North Carolina, July 7, 1888, a son of Caleb G. and Mary J. (Tillett) Ethridge. His father was a son of Thomas Ethridge, who was a native of England and died in Camden, North Carolina, where he had followed

farming and also owned a store. Caleb G. Ethridge was born in Camden, July 16, 1865, and followed merchandising and farming for many years, but is now retired from active pursuits, and is still living in Camden. He has been prominent in the public affairs of his locality, and served for sixteen years as sheriff of Camden county. He is a member of the Baptist Church. Mary J. (Tillett) Ethridge was born in Camden, February 22, 1869, and is still living there. She is a daughter of Enoch and Mary (Sawyer) Tillett, both of whom were natives of England and died in Camden, North Carolina.

Charles W. Ethridge attended the public schools of his native town, after which he devoted his attention to farming until seventeen years old. He then secured employment in a flour mill in Norfolk, Virginia, where he remained for eighteen months, after which he went to Louisville, Kentucky, where he was associated with the flour milling firm of Ballard & Ballard, serving as a traveling salesman for two years. He then traveled for the Wells, Abbott & Nieman Company flour mill until 1919, when he came to Peoria and organized the Peoria Milling Company, of which he has since been the president and manager. The company manufactures commercial feed and sells flour to the wholesale trade throughout central Illinois.

On December 28, 1915, in Gatesville, Texas, Mr. Ethridge was united in marriage to Miss Alta Schriber, a native of Gatesville, and a daughter of Charles D. and Mary Schriber, both of whom are still living in that place, Mr. Schriber being a retired rancher and stockman. Mrs. Ethridge graduated from the Gatesville high school and attended college at Belton, Texas. She is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church and belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star and the Young Women's Christian Association. Mr. and Mrs. Ethridge are the parents of two children, Mary Jane, born October 10, 1918, and Norma Lee, born February 14, 1923.

Mr. Ethridge is a democrat in politics and his religious connection is with the First Baptist Church. He is a member of Widow's Son Lodge, No. 75, A. F. & A. M., in Camden, North Carolina, which is over one hundred years old; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Mount

Hawley Country Club; and the Peoria Lions Club. During the World war he did his full part in supporting the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives, and has ever measured up to the fullest demands of citizenship, being one of Peoria's best known and most highly respected men.

EARL WILBUR WILSON

Among the more recent additions to the citizenship of Rushville is numbered Earl Wilbur Wilson, a prominent photographer, who also has a studio at Mount Sterling. Born in Hamilton, Hancock county, Illinois, September 8, 1894, he is a son of Henry W. Wilson and comes of English lineage. His grandfather, William Henry Wilson, a veteran of the Civil war, came to Illinois from Massachusetts and settled near Quincy in an early day. Henry W. Wilson was engaged in agricultural pursuits for many years and is now living retired in Hamilton, Illinois. Politically he is a democrat and enjoys the sports of hunting and fishing. He married Nancy Amanda Metz, whose forbears came to this country from Germany.

Their son, Earl W. Wilson, was reared and educated in his native town, graduating from the Hamilton high school with the class of 1914. During his student days he was active in athletic sports as a member of the track team, as captain of the basketball team of the high school, and also played football and baseball. On the 14th of September, 1914, he began his career as a photographer at Nauvoo, Illinois, later returning to Hamilton, and next chose Warsaw, Illinois, as the scene of his activities in that connection, but remained there for only a short time. In August, 1918, he located in Mount Sterling, where he still maintains a studio, and in 1928 established another, which he opened in Rushville, removing here with his family at that time. With the capable assistance of his wife, he manages both and his is the only studio in each of these towns. An expert photographer, he has perfected his skill by attendance at the Eastman Schools of Photography in Peoria, Illinois, and St. Louis, Missouri, and is a recognized artist in his line of work. His business has steadily

expanded and now brings to him substantial returns. His work was interrupted during the World war, for he enlisted September 5, 1918, and was with the engineering corps at Camp Forrest, Georgia, receiving his honorable discharge December 12th of that year.

On the 17th of September, 1917, Mr. Wilson married Miss Nellie Morrill, who was born in Nauvoo, September 24, 1898, and is a daughter of Edward and Marion (Walther) Morrill. Mrs. Wilson was graduated from the Nauvoo high school in 1916 and prior to her marriage was employed as a printer. She has become the mother of four children: Mary Evelyn, who was born April 12, 1919; Joy Vindora, born in October, 1920; Earl Jr., who was born February 15, 1925; and Donald, born June 17, 1927.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson enjoy traveling and his favorite sports are fishing, hunting and hockey. Unbiased in politics, he carefully ascertains the qualifications of the respective candidates and votes as his judgment dictates. He belongs to the Rushville branch of the American Legion and to the Community Builders. His loyalty and public spirit are well known and that he is a progressive and enterprising young business man of marked ability is shown in what he has already accomplished.

HARRY WOOD, M. D.

One of the ablest and most successful physicians in Calhoun county is Dr. Harry Wood, of Batchtown, whose ability and skill have enabled him to build up a large practice. He was born at El Dara, Pike county, Illinois, on the 6th of September, 1876, and is a son of Hance Robert and Sarah (Shinn) Wood; the latter was born and reared in Pike county and was a daughter of Daniel Shinn. H. R. Wood, who was born in 1825, was the youngest of a family of seventeen children, the oldest of whom was born in 1797. He moved from his native state of Pennsylvania to Ohio, and from there to Pike county, Illinois. Some time later he joined the rush of gold seekers to California, crossing the plains with oxen and covered wagon. He was fairly successful financially



DR. HARRY WOOD

and returned east by way of the Isthmus of Panama, across which he walked, and then took a ship for New York. He passed through some thrilling experiences on his journey to the Pacific coast, being annoyed by hostile Indians, as was the case at a later period, 1881-2-3, in Colorado. After his return home he became a river man, rafting on the Mississippi river. He was a republican in politics. His paternal grandfather was killed in the battle of Brandywine during the Revolutionary war. H. R. Wood was the father of four sons and a daughter, namely: Harry, of this review; Luella, the wife of Charles Sidwell, of El Dara, this state; William, who was a farmer, has been dead about twenty years; George, who is a contractor at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and Edward, of Pittsfield.

Harry Wood received his early education in the public schools of Pike county, Illinois, and then matriculated in the medical school of St. Louis University, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1905. He made his own way through college, working during vacation periods. Later he took post-graduate work in New York and Chicago, and Tulane University, New Orleans, and served his internship in Rebecca Hospital, St. Louis. He entered upon the practice of his profession at Hamburg, Calhoun county, but later came to Batchtown, where he has practiced continuously since. He is a constant student of his profession, keeping in touch with the latest advances in the healing art, and is a conscientious and careful practitioner, being particularly good as a diagnostician, one of the most important phases of medical practice. In August, 1919, Dr. Wood enlisted in the United States Medical Corps, in which he was commissioned a captain, and was first assigned to Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, being later transferred to Camp Meade, where he had charge of a hospital, and later built the hospital at Camp Russell, Virginia.

Dr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Pearl A. Ogle, a daughter of Alonzo and Sarah Elizabeth Ogle, of Pike county. Mrs. Wood is an earnest member of the United Brethren Church. Dr. Wood is independent in his political attitude, voting in accordance with his judgment as to men and measures. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has taken the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite; the Independent Order

of Odd Fellows and the Woodmen. He also belongs to the local post of the American Legion, of which he is a past commander, and is affiliated with the Pike County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, as well as the Association of Military Surgeons of the World war. The Doctor has a wide acquaintance throughout this section of the valley and all who know him hold him in the highest measure of esteem for his professional ability and his genuine worth as a man and citizen.

JOSEPH BRENNEMANN

No citizen of La Salle is accorded a larger measure of respect and esteem than Joseph Brennemann, who for a half century was actively identified with one of the city's leading industries, the success of which was largely due to his faithful and efficient labors. Mr. Brennemann, who is now retired from active business, was born in Putnam county, Illinois, on the 26th of December, 1853, and is a son of Jacob and Helena (Guingerich) Brennemann, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was born near Giessen in 1823 and came to the United States in young manhood. Locating in Putnam county, Illinois, he took up a tract of land and engaged in farming, which he followed to the time of his death, in 1897. To him and his wife were born three children, of whom Joseph is the only survivor.

Joseph Brennemann received his education in the public schools of his native community and the high school at Granville, completing his studies in the University of Illinois. At the age of twenty-one years he came to La Salle and entered the employ of the Matthiessen & Hegeler Zinc Company, with which he was connected for forty-nine years. Beginning at the bottom, he rendered faithful and efficient service, which gained for him successive promotions, so that he held every position of trust in the organization, including that of president, in which administrative capacity he continued until his retirement, in 1922. During this long period he had the satisfaction of seeing his company develop into one of the most important concerns in its line in this section

of the country, and he gained a wide reputation as an able and efficient executive, who devoted his efforts unstintingly to the interests of the concern with which he was identified.

Politically Mr. Brennemann maintains an independent attitude, voting according to the dictates of his judgment as to men and measures. He stands among La Salle's leading men of affairs and has always been counted upon in his support of those things which have had for their object the betterment of the community along all lines of progress.

LAWRENCE R. CLARY, M. D.

Among the members of the medical profession in Pekin whose records have honored their calling, mention should be made of Dr. Lawrence R. Clary, a member of the firm of Drs. Balcke & Clary, with offices at 28-32 South Fourth street. He was born at Paola, Kansas, on the 1st of April, 1883, and is a son of Julius H. and Mary A. (Meyer) Clary. His paternal grandfather, Harrison Clary, was a native of Scotland and died in Tazewell county, Illinois. He was a school teacher by profession. Julius H. Clary was born in Tazewell county, and died in Paola, Kansas, in 1889, being crushed in the collapse of a cyclone cave. He followed farming and in politics was a democrat. His wife was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, March 6, 1863, and died in Pekin, Illinois, September 12, 1927. She was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Beck) Meyer, both of whom were natives of Illinois, and died in Pekin. Her father was a farmer, was a member of the Lutheran Church and a democrat in politics.

Lawrence R. Clary graduated from the Pekin high school in 1902, and then matriculated in the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1913. He served one year as interne in the Columbus Memorial Hospital, Chicago, after which he came to Pekin, where he has practiced his profession to the present time. He was located on Court street until 1920, when he entered into partnership with Dr. W. A. Balcke and located at 28-32 South Fourth street, where they have well furnished and thoroughly equipped

offices. They conduct a general practice in medicine and surgery and are recognized as being particularly able and successful.

Dr. Clary was married June 23, 1908, in Pekin, to Miss Bertha Kraus, of Washington, Illinois, who died September 21, 1926, in Pekin. They had two children: Harmony Louise, who was born September 9, 1915, and died September 10, 1915, and Helen Marie, born September 13, 1916. On May 20, 1927, in Joliet, Illinois, Dr. Clary married Miss Irene Seeders, a daughter of C. N. Seeders, of Palestine, Crawford county, Illinois. Mrs. Clary died August 21, 1928, in Pekin. On April 23, 1930, at Springfield, Illinois, he was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Kettenring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kettenring of Pekin.

Dr. Clary is a democrat in his political alignment and has shown an active interest in local public affairs. He served as coroner of Tazewell county from 1916 to 1920 and deputy coroner from 1920 to 1924, and has also served as health officer of Pekin for the past eight years. He is a member of Pekin Lodge, No. 29, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Peoria; the Knights of Pythias; the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; and the Modern Woodmen of America. He also belongs to the Pekin Association of Commerce and the Tazewell Club. His religious membership is in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. He maintains professional affiliation with the Tazewell County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In addition to a large private practice Dr. Clary is surgeon for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, the Chicago & Illinois Midland and the Chicago & Alton Railroads.

L. H. BYRNS

L. H. Byrns, clerk of the circuit court of Schuyler county and a public official of high standing, has exemplified in his life the sterling characteristics of his Scotch and Irish ancestors. He was born in Mount Sterling, Brown county, Illinois, July 11, 1878, and is a son of Frank and Amanzella (Kepler) Byrns, who were married October 23, 1860. The former was born near Akron,

Ohio, November 7, 1833. In 1840, when a lad of seven, he came to Illinois with his father, James Byrns, who was born April 26, 1799, and cast his lot with the early settlers of Brown county. Frank Byrns built many of the houses in Mount Sterling and was one of the contractors who erected the courthouse there. In the early days he made spinning wheels and in all of his work was thorough and painstaking, never undertaking a task unless he considered it worthy of his best efforts. Enlisting in the Union Army, he was assigned to Company I, Thirtieth Regiment of Illinois Infantry, and served under Captain John C. McClease. At Louisville, Kentucky, on the 17th of July, 1865, he was honorably discharged and after the war resumed work at the carpenter's trade, also cultivating his farm in Brown county. Early in life he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, continuing as one of its devout members until the close of his career, and built a church on his farm. In politics he was a republican, unwavering in his allegiance to the party, but was not an office seeker. At all times he manifested a keen interest in community affairs and served for years as a school director. In many ways he contributed toward the development and advancement of his district and was a man of marked public spirit and high principles, esteemed and respected by all with whom he was associated. On March 19, 1905, when seventy-one years of age, he responded to the final summons and was laid to rest in a cemetery near Mount Sterling. His wife was born in Hagerstown, Indiana, November 25, 1839, and in childhood came to Illinois with her parents, who were of German extraction. Her interest centered in her family and in her home, which was noted for its neatness and hospitality. She passed away October 17, 1891, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Byrns were the parents of nine children; Josephine, the wife of Joel E. Croxton, of Huntsville, Illinois; Margaret, now Mrs. John Irwin, of Carmen, Oklahoma; May, deceased; Ralph, who died at the age of eight years; Archibald K., pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church at Jacksonville, Illinois; Sharon A., who is engaged in merchandising at Huntsville, this state; Ruel A., a resident of Supply, Oklahoma; L. H. of Rushville, Illinois, who is the immediate subject of this review; and Minnie, who died when a child of twelve.

Reared in his native county, L. H. Byrns pursued his education in its public schools and took a course in telegraphy at the Dixon Business College. After leaving the home farm he had charge of a job printing office in Quincy, Illinois, for two years and with his return to Brown county he opened a grocery store, of which he was the proprietor for seven years, prospering in the undertaking. In 1911 he removed to Schuyler county and established a similar business which he conducted for a period of eleven years, winning a liberal patronage by reason of his courtesy, enterprise and fair dealing. He has made judicious investments in town property at Rushville, where he resides, and is interested in farm lands. Since discontinuing his mercantile activities Mr. Byrns has devoted his energies chiefly to public affairs, serving as clerk of the circuit court, to which office he was elected in 1920 on the republican ticket, and his retention in the position shows that his accuracy, efficiency, and fidelity to duty are thoroughly appreciated by the voters of Schuyler county.

On the 15th of August, 1905, Mr. Byrns was married in Jacksonville, Illinois, to Miss Mabel M. Estes, who was born February 23, 1882, a daughter of Charles F. and Laura (Parker) Estes, who were married November 9, 1880. Charles F. Estes, born in Brown county, Illinois, June 16, 1853, followed farming throughout his active life and passed away March 11, 1929. His wife, also a native of Brown county, Illinois, was born May 4, 1861, and died February 27, 1917. Their daughter, Mrs. Mabel M. Byrns, acquired her education in the schools of Brown county. By her marriage she has had two sons. H. Elmo, the elder, was born April 25, 1908, and met an accidental death while attempting to save property in a fire at Rushville, January 5, 1924. Frank, born May 6, 1911, was graduated with honors from the local high school in 1928, winning prominence as a member of its debating team, and is now a sophomore in the law school of the University of Illinois.

Mr. Byrns has fraternal relations with the local camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Masonic lodge at Huntsville and the lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife belongs to the Eastern Star and to the Royal Neighbors. She capably discharges the duties of matron of the

Scripps Park Community House and, like her husband, is keenly interested in matters affecting the welfare and progress of Rushville. Mr. and Mrs. Byrns are earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he is one of its trustees, also serving as treasurer of the Sunday school. He is a charter member of the Rushville Community Club, which he aided in forming, and formerly was a school director of Huntsville. Upon all matters of public moment he is well informed and any project that means the advancement of his town, county or state enlists his hearty support. For recreation he turns to golf and other outdoor sports but never neglects his public duties and throughout life has been a conscientious, systematic worker, who carries forward to completion everything that he undertakes.

WILLIAM B. McDONALD, M. D.

Dr. William B. McDonald, a practicing physician of Mendota for nearly two decades, is numbered among the most successful and able representatives of the profession in the Illinois River Valley. He is a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, born July 4, 1865, his parents being John and Isabella (Wilkie) McDonald. His public school education was supplemented by study at the University of Edinburgh. Crossing the Atlantic to the United States, he matriculated in Rush Medical College of Chicago, which conferred upon him the degree of M. D. He then took up the work of his chosen profession in Burnett, Wisconsin, where he continued in practice until 1906. He then entered Herring Medical College in Chicago, graduating therefrom in 1910, after which he spent two years studying in England and Scotland. In January, 1912, he came to Mendota, Illinois, which city has remained the scene of his professional labors throughout the intervening period to the present. He has been very successful in the treatment of human ailments and has built up a large and lucrative practice, being numbered among the leading physicians of La Salle county. Dr. McDonald is a progressive exponent of his profession and keeps in close touch with the great truths which science is constantly revealing through his membership in the La Salle

County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

In 1909 Dr. McDonald was united in marriage to Miss Mary R. Wilson, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. They have a daughter, Lillian, who is preparing for the profession of nursing. The Doctor gives his political allegiance to the republican party and in religious faith is a Presbyterian. He enjoys high standing in social as well as professional circles of his home community, for his personality is one that inspires confidence and respect.

EDWIN W. PERKINS

Edwin W. Perkins, who for the past five years has served as postmaster at Newark and is one of Kendall county's best known and most popular citizens, was born in Newark on the 23d of April, 1896, and is a son of Edwin S. and Clara (Shaw) Perkins. His father was born at Sunapee, Sullivan county, New Hampshire, and came to Illinois in young manhood. He worked as a teamster and also did much cement contracting. He was a staunch democrat in his political affiliation and was a strong advocate of William Jennings Bryan for the presidency. His death occurred in 1925 and he is survived by his widow, who was born at Yorkville, Illinois. They became the parents of three children, Edwin W.; Melissa, who is the wife of Benjamin Harrison, of Depew, Illinois; and Jennings B., who resides in Rockford, Illinois.

Edwin W. Perkins received his educational training in the public and high schools of Newark, after which he turned his attention to farming. Later he went to work in the grain business for Armour & Company, and subsequently for four years was with the Illinois Power and Light Company. In 1925 he was appointed postmaster at Newark and has rendered service which has gained for him the commendation of the patrons of the office.

Mr. Perkins is a veteran of the World war, in which he served as a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Machine Gun Company. He was in France for thirteen months, during which he took part in five major engagements. During his stay overseas his outfit was attached to three foreign contingents, French,

English and Australian. He was honorably discharged from the service January 6, 1919. He is a republican in his political views and is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. Cordial and agreeable in manner and loyal and true in every relation of life, all who know him hold him in high esteem.

SIDNEY H. EASTON, M. D.

One of the distinguished representatives of the medical profession in Peoria is Dr. Sidney H. Easton, who conducts a general practice, but is a specialist in orthopedic and traumatic surgery, in which he has won a wide reputation. He was born in Peoria on the 8th of August, 1890, and is a son of Otis M. and Della (Tripp) Easton. His paternal grandparents were Samuel and Hettie Easton, the former a native of Virginia, whence about 1828 he came to Peoria, where he spent his remaining years. The Easton family has thus been identified with this community for over a century. Mr. Easton was engaged in mercantile affairs here and was one of the organizers of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Otis M. Easton was born in Peoria, February 18, 1857, and died in this city April 17, 1927. For many years he was a gauger in the United States revenue service, and also served for a number of years as auditor for the Peoria & Pekin Terminal Railroad. He was a republican in his political views and was a member of the Universalist Church. Della (Tripp) Easton was born in Peoria, September 18, 1859, and is now living here with her son, Dr. Easton. She is a daughter of David H. and Mary B. (Tripp) Tripp. Her father was born in Fredonia, New York, and came west as a book agent. In 1860 he and his brother, Stephen S. Tripp, founded the Tripp Brothers' Book Store on Main street, Peoria, and he conducted the business during the remainder of his life. His son, Stephen H. Tripp, succeeded him in the business, which was continued until 1920. Stephen S. Tripp was a captain in the Civil war, serving under General Sherman, with whom he took part in the historic march from Atlanta to the sea. Mary B. Tripp was a native of Grandview, Illinois, and died in Peoria in 1912. Her parents are buried near Springfield, Illinois.

Sidney H. Easton graduated from the Peoria high school in 1906 and from the Bradley Polytechnic Institute in 1908. He then entered the University of Chicago, from which institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1910, and that of Master of Science in 1911. He graduated from Rush Medical College with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1913, and during one year he taught anatomy in that institution. He served as interne in the Cook County Hospital from 1913 to 1915, after which he entered upon the practice of his profession in Peoria. When the United States became involved in the World war Dr. Easton offered his services and in June, 1917, was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps. In August of that year he went overseas and became connected with the British Army, being assigned to the Second Western General Hospital at Manchester, England. Later he was transferred to the war hospital at Edinburgh, where he served in the orthopedic section under Colonel Sir Harold Stiles. In August, 1918, he was transferred to the American Army and was associated with Captain Philip Wilson and Lieutenant Rose. These three men were given charge of amputation work in France, operating most of the time at Savenay and Brest. Dr. Easton served nineteen months overseas and was honorably discharged from the service in May, 1919, at United States General Hospital No. 3, at Colonia, New Jersey, with the rank of first lieutenant in the Medical Corps. On his return to Peoria he opened his office in the Jefferson building, where he has remained to the present time. He has long been recognized as an expert surgeon and in this difficult and important field of practice has been remarkably successful.

On March 10, 1919, in New York city, Dr. Easton was united in marriage to Miss Violet Shafer, a native of Morton, Illinois, and a daughter of the late Dr. George and Emma (Buck) Shafer, the former having practiced medicine in Peoria, where his widow still lives. Mrs. Easton died March 17, 1927, leaving two children, Dorothy Viola, born January 13, 1920, and Robert Sidney, born January 6, 1921. On July 17, 1929, Dr. Easton was married to Miss Opal Snowe, a native of Washburn, Illinois, and a daughter of George Snowe.

Dr. Easton is a member of the Peoria County Medical Society,

the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons and the Illinois State Society for Industrial Surgery. He belongs to the Phi Chi and Alpha Omega Alpha fraternities, the Creve Coeur Club, the Mount Hawley Country Club, the University Club, the Optimist Club and the American Legion. His political support is given to the republican party and he is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He is fond of the game of bridge as a diversion and his favorite recreational sports are fishing and duck hunting. The Doctor is extremely popular and his record as physician and citizen has marked him as one of Peoria's most valuable residents.

FRANK S. MILLER

Frank S. Miller, who owns and operates the bottling works which bear his name, is one of Canton's self-made men and has here engaged in business for many years, progressing with the town. He was born in Macomb, Illinois, October 16, 1883, and is a son of Charles D. and Rebecca (Mumaugh) Miller.

Reared in his native town, Frank S. Miller there acquired a common school education and continued his studies in Chicago, where he attended a night school of the Young Men's Christian Association for four years, working in a grocery store during the day. On the expiration of that period he returned to Illinois and entered the service of the Scripps-Greer Dry Goods Company of Canton. He was made manager and buyer for the carpet and furniture department, thus continuing for several years. On severing his connection with that house he made his first independent commercial venture, organizing the Canton Tea & Coffee Company, but disposed of the enterprise two years later, when he became the proprietor of a cafe. Subsequently he sold the business and accepted a position in the Bushnell Bottling Works. He purchased an interest in the concern but remained an employe for four years, at which time he took over the plant and merged it with his present business, which is conducted under the style of the Frank S. Miller Bottling Works, constituting the largest institution of the kind in Canton. The plant is housed in a substantial

brick building of two stories, advantageously situated at 125 White court. This modern structure is owned by Mr. Miller, who manufactures carbonated beverages and is also a jobber in fountain supplies and candy. He likewise manufactures vinegar and bluing and caters only to the wholesale trade. He employs three salesmen and utilizes three trucks for delivery purposes. The plant is equipped with modern, electrically driven machinery and the output is sold to merchants located within a sixty-mile radius of Canton. Mr. Miller recently perfected a carbonated drink, known as the "Dr. Miller," which is delivered to the trade by motorcycles. It is not approached in flavor by any patented beverage and promises to become a big seller. Mr. Miller devotes deep thought and study to his work and always has some new plan in the making. He has created a highly efficient organization and ranks with the foremost manufacturers in his line in this part of the country.

On the 19th of October, 1904, Mr. Miller married Miss Bessie Mae Haller, a daughter of John and Catherine Haller. Mrs. Miller was born November 6, 1883, and is indebted to the grammar and high schools of Canton for her educational advantages. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children. The son, Chester Allen, was born February 22, 1907, and since his graduation from high school has worked for his father, becoming thoroughly conversant with the business. He enjoys the sports of hunting and fishing and is active in athletics. In politics he is nonpartisan and, like the other members of the family, he is a Methodist in religious faith. The daughter, Frances Leah, born November 20, 1910, is also a high school graduate. She is active in church and Sunday school work and in the affairs of the Eastern Star and White Shrine, while basketball constitutes her favorite diversion. The family home is at 376 West Pine street.

Mr. Miller is identified with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Masonic fraternity, and both he and his wife are affiliated with the Eastern Star and the White Shrine. They are earnest, helpful members of the Methodist Church and Mrs. Miller is also active in the work of the Young Women's Christian Association. Like her husband, she has closely studied the political

situation and votes independently. She excels in devising artistic decorations for clubs and has done considerable work of that character. In addition to taking a prominent part in social affairs, she assists her husband by managing the concession drink stands in the parks at Canton and is an energetic, capable business woman. During the World war Mr. Miller furthered the success of the Liberty Loan campaigns and Red Cross drives, doing all in his power to aid his country in its time of need. As a civic worker he has accomplished much and for several terms was an alderman of Canton. He was instrumental in securing for his community many needed improvements and to him the town owes its brilliantly lighted business section, known as "the white way." He has been chairman of various committees of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and also belongs to the Travelers Protective Association and the Young Men's Christian Association. At the outset of his career he had no special advantages and through his own exertions he has reached a point of leadership in the field in which he is operating. Progress has ever been his watchword, and none can grudge him his success, for it has been worthily won and well used.

H. HOWARD HAMMAN, D. D. S.

Among the progressive representatives of the dental profession in Rushville is numbered Dr. H. Howard Hamman, whose success is based upon thorough collegiate training and more than twenty-five years of practical experience as a dental practitioner. He was born in Hammansburg, Wood county, Ohio, June 9, 1881, and is a son of Franklin P. Hamman, who was born in the Buckeye state February 24, 1854. The paternal grandfather came to this country from Germany and settled in Kentucky, whence he later removed to Ohio. In 1889, when a young man of thirty-five, Franklin P. Hamman went to Michigan, locating in Belding, where he followed the business of a commission merchant. He was self-educated and owed his prosperity to hard work and capable management. In politics he maintained an independent attitude, placing the qualifications of a candidate before party

ties, and manifested his civic spirit by effective service as an alderman of Belding. In 1878 he married Miss Ella J. Mercer, who was born in Ohio, May 1, 1858, and engaged in teaching as a young woman. Early in life she united with the Methodist Church and closely followed its teachings. To Mr. and Mrs. Hamman were born three children: H. Howard; Vennie Clements, and Mrs. Ole Emery, a resident of Belding, Michigan.

Removing to Belding with his parents when a lad of eight years, Dr. Hamman there acquired his public school education and in 1901 was graduated from the Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, Michigan. In 1902 he enrolled as a student in the dental school of Northwestern University at Chicago, Illinois, where he won the degree of D. D. S., in 1905, and after practicing for a year in that city he located in Meredosia, Illinois, remaining there until the fall of 1924. He then went to the Pacific coast with the intention of making his home in Oregon but changed his plans, preferring to remain in the middle west, and with his return to Illinois opened an office in Rushville, which has since been the scene of his professional activities. Skillful and painstaking, he renders to his patients service of marked efficiency and his large practice makes heavy demands upon his time and energy. His capital has been judiciously invested in local real estate. Among his prized possessions is an ancient Bible, which was printed in the high German language in 1560. This Bible was printed for a church by David Zephelum, Johann Raschen and Sigmund LeFevre at Frankfort-on-the-Main, and is bound with boards covered with pigskin. It is beautifully illustrated with wood cuts and printed with wood type. The original cost of making the Bible was about five hundred dollars and many of its pages bear the blood marks of those who took oaths. The Bible is fifteen inches long, ten inches wide and five and a half inches thick. This rare book, which is wonderfully preserved, has been in the Hamman family for centuries and is valued at fifty thousand dollars.

Dr. Hamman was married April 26, 1905, in Orleans, Michigan, to Miss Minnie Vivian La Dow, who was born in that town July 4, 1882, and is a daughter of Charles S. and Mattie La Dow. Mrs. Hamman was graduated from the high school at Ionia,

Michigan. She has become the mother of a son, Bernard La Dow Hamman, who was born May 14, 1915, and is a pupil in the Rushville high school and a member of its band and orchestra.

The parents are active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mrs. Hamman is a member of the Federated Woman's Club of Rushville. In politics the Doctor is nonpartisan and conscientiously discharges the duties and obligations of citizenship. While a resident of Meredosia he was elected to the board of aldermen, afterward becoming mayor of the town. A strong advocate of educational advancement, he is serving as a member of the union school district board, and formerly he was president of the 22 Club of which he has been secretary. He is also active in the affairs of the Rushville Community Club and fraternally he is a Scottish Rite Mason, identified with the Consistory at Quincy. Enjoying travel, he takes an extended vacation each summer and his favorite sports are hunting and fishing. However, his interest centers in his profession and he keeps in close touch with its progress by constant reading and study as well as through his membership in the Schuyler County and Illinois State Dental Societies and the American Dental Association.

CHARLES D. SNELLER, M. D.

Dr. Charles D. Sneller holds a foremost place in the ranks of the medical profession in Peoria and as a successful specialist in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat commands a large practice. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on the 27th of March, 1892, and is a son of John W. and Christine H. (Anderson) Sneller. His father, who is a native of Minneapolis, is a retired physician and chemist, whose wife is a native of Oslo, Norway. Charles D. Sneller graduated from the Minneapolis high school in 1910, and attended McAlester College, at St. Paul, one year. He was a student for three years in the College of Sciences, Letters and Arts of the University of Minnesota, after which he matriculated in the medical school of that institution. In 1917, after three years of medical study, he laid aside his textbooks and enlisted in the United States Army Medical

Corps. He was assigned to the post hospital at Fort Snelling, Minneapolis, from which he was transferred to Fort Omaha, Nebraska, and later to Camp Morris, Virginia. He was sent overseas with the First Army medical detachment, being assigned to a balloon company. He was at different times attached to six different divisions, near Valdron, France, in the Alps, along the front to Chateau Thiery, at Pont-a-Mousson and was transferred to Beaune to attend Beaune University there. He also spent four months at the University of Montpellier, on the Mediterranean sea, in post-graduate study of medicine. In August, 1919, he was honorably discharged from the service at Camp Dodge, Iowa, after which he returned to the University of Minnesota, graduating therefrom in 1922 with the degrees of Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Medicine and Doctor of Medicine. He served as interne in the Hopewell Hospital, the University Hospital and the Minneapolis General Hospital, prior to 1922. From 1922 to 1924 he was resident physician at the Harper Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, after which he returned to the university as a Teaching Fellow in ophthalmology and otolaryngology on the Mayo-Minnesota Foundation at the University of Minnesota for one year. In 1925 Dr. Sneller came to Peoria as an associate of the late Dr. Otto W. Simpson, with whom he remained until the latter's death, in February, 1927, after which he took over the practice, which he has carried on with marked success to the present time. He specializes in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and bronchoscopy. He has done post-graduate work at the University of Montpellier, France, the University of Minnesota and the University of Pennsylvania.

In August, 1923, in Minneapolis, Dr. Sneller was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude E. Murphy, a native of that city and a daughter of the late Dennis Murphy, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mrs. Sneller graduated from high school and attended the University of Minnesota and the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago, and also studied music under private teachers. She is press secretary of the Amateur Musical Club of Peoria, a member of the Women's City Club, the Women's Club and the Peoria Players. She taught piano and pipe organ for a number of years prior to her marriage.

Dr. Sneller gives his political support to the republican party and is a member of the Phi Chi medical fraternity, the Peoria Association of Commerce, the Creve Coeur Club, the University Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Mount Hawley Country Club and the Illinois Valley Yacht and Canoe Club. He is also affiliated with the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Illinois Academy of Science and is an associate member of the American Museum of Natural History, of New York city. At Fort Omaha, Nebraska, Dr. Sneller organized and directed the first musical organization ever admitted to that fort, and while overseas he organized and directed the only balloon band known to exist. After the war, out of the remnants of four bands, he reorganized a thirty-two piece army band at Pont-a-Mousson, France. The Doctor studied piano three years when a lad, and played the violin for twelve years, six years of which he played professionally, his orchestra being known as Sneller's Orchestra of Minneapolis. The Doctor has been studying and collecting fossils, shells and minerals and their relationship to historical geology since he was sixteen years old, and now possesses one of the finest private collections in the state of Illinois. His favorite recreation is studying paleontology in the field. He is a constant student of his profession and other scientific subjects and among his medical colleagues is held in very high esteem for his ability and success.

ARLEY MUNTS

One of the best known and successful members of the bar of Grundy county is Arley Munts, of Morris, where he commands an important practice. He was born in Livingston county, Illinois, on the 9th of November, 1896, but was reared in Streator, La Salle county, where he attended the public and high schools. He took up the study of law in one of the leading law offices of that city and completed his preparation for his life work in the law department of Cumberland University, at Lebanon, Tennessee. He was admitted to the bar of this state

in 1920 and entered upon the practice of his profession in Ottawa, La Salle county, where he remained until 1923, when he came to Morris, where he has since resided. For a while he was associated with Judge Hayes, but is now practicing alone. He has been identified as counsel with many important cases in the courts of this state during his professional career and has won recognition as a capable and dependable attorney. He is now serving as city attorney of Morris and is carefully safeguarding the city's legal interests.

On January 22, 1921, Mr. Munts was united in marriage to Miss Germaine Chabrol, and they are the parents of two children, Raymond, aged eight years, and Marguerite, aged six years. Mr. Munts is a staunch republican in his political views and in his fraternal relations is a Mason. He is a member of the Grundy County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, and is very highly regarded in the ranks of his profession, while throughout the community he is esteemed for his ability, attainments and character.

HENRY MANSFIELD

Henry Mansfield is widely recognized as one of the leading members of the Peoria bar and during the past forty years has commanded his full share of the legal business in the courts of this section of the state. He was born in Peoria on the 4th of March, 1864, and is a son of Henry, Sr., and Isabella Fleming (Servoss) Mansfield. The Mansfield family was established in this country in colonial days and one ancestor was the owner of a portion of the land on which Yale University is now located at New Haven, Connecticut. The paternal grandfather, Leverett Mansfield, was a farmer in New York state for many years, and on his retirement came to Peoria, where he lived until his death. Henry Mansfield, Sr., was born in New York state on March 22, 1818, and died in Peoria, Illinois, on May 20, 1893. He learned the drug business in Albany, New York, and later came west for his health, arriving at Peoria in 1839, at which time this place was but a village. His health was quickly restored and in part-



Henry Mansfield

nership with a physician, he engaged in the drug business, which was carried on very successfully until 1860. In the meantime Mr. Mansfield acquired considerable real estate in Peoria and became what would be now classed as a capitalist. He was a democrat in politics and a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Isabella Fleming (Servoss) Mansfield was born in New York city on December 31, 1836, and died in Peoria in 1914. She was a daughter of Thomas R. and Louise (Pintard) Servoss, the former of whom was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, and died in New York city, while the latter was a native of New York state and a daughter of John Pintard, a civil engineer.

Henry Mansfield attended the Second Ward public school in Peoria and the high school, after which he entered Virginia Military Institute, from which he was graduated in 1886. During the two following years he attended the law school of the University of Virginia and in 1888 was admitted to the bar of Illinois. He entered upon the practice of his profession in Peoria at once and remained alone for a number of years. He then formed a law partnership with David J. Cowan and the late J. R. Boulware, under the firm name of Mansfield, Cowan & Boulware. That style was retained until Mr. Boulware's death, since which time the firm name has been Mansfield & Cowan. Mr. Mansfield is engaged in the general practice of law, in which he has been uniformly successful. He has served as assistant city attorney, city attorney, and corporation counsel for Peoria. His offices are in the Commercial National Bank building.

On March 4, 1908, in Bloomington, Illinois, Mr. Mansfield was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth J. Bruninga, a native of Peoria and a daughter of John and Wyerdenia Bruninga, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Mansfield received her education in the parochial schools of Peoria and is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield are the parents of two children, John, born on February 2, 1911, and Brasher, born on April 21, 1914. By a former marriage Mr. Mansfield became the father of three children, Mrs. Margaret Mansfield Allen, of Arizona, and Henry and Elias B., of California, Illinois.

Mr. Mansfield has always supported the democratic party and is a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. He be-

longs to the Phi Delta Theta college society and is affiliated with the Peoria County Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He stands for those things which contribute most to the public welfare and has long been recognized as one of his community's best citizens.

JOHN MARTENS

When a young man of twenty-one John Martens came to the United States with a small amount of money but an abundant supply of energy and determination, and with these assets he won a substantial measure of success which now enables him to spend the evening of life in ease and comfort. Through his labors as an agriculturist he aided in bringing to light the natural resources of La Salle county and now makes his home in Peru, Illinois. He was born near Hanover, Germany, April 1, 1846, a son of Christopher and Maria (Steltar) Martens, who were also natives of that country. The father was a sheep raiser and spent his life in Germany. His family numbered five children: Henry, Chris, Herman and Elizabeth, all of whom are deceased; and John.

The advantages of a public school education were accorded Mr. Martens, who remained in Germany until 1867, when he crossed the Atlantic in the hope of bettering his fortunes in America. Thoroughly experienced in general agricultural pursuits, he obtained work on a farm near Chicago but in 1868 removed from Cook county to La Salle county and for nine years thereafter was employed on farms in the vicinity of Peru. Meanwhile he saved his earnings and at length was able to lease a tract of land and buy the equipment necessary for its cultivation. Prospering in the undertaking, he purchased a farm in 1885 and for a period of twenty-seven years his energies were devoted to its development and improvement. He erected substantial buildings for the shelter of stock and the storing of grain and his carefully tilled fields yielded abundant harvests, for he utilized the most effective methods in cultivating the soil, keeping in close touch with the latest developments along agricultural lines. His farming operations were discontinued in 1912 and he has since

lived retired in Peru, having gained a substantial competence through industry, thrift and good management. He has twice revisited the land of his birth and is contemplating another trip to Germany in the near future.

In March, 1876, Mr. Martens was married to Miss Katherine Hamer, who was born in Hessen, Germany, in 1856, and came to the United States during her girlhood. Henry, the eldest of their four children, resides at Cedar Point, where he is connected with the telephone business. He married Aurelia Blasberg and their children are Gertrude and Lawrence. August, who manages his father's farm, was united in marriage to Anna Diedrich, by whom he has two children, John and Anna. The daughters are: Maria, who is a graduate nurse and resides with her parents; and Elizabeth, the wife of Fred Runlund, of Davenport, Iowa.

Mr. Martens has membership in the Lutheran Church and in the Lutheran Brotherhood. Unbiased in his political views, he votes according to the dictates of his judgment and has ever supported those measures which constitute factors in good government. In educational matters he has manifested a deep and helpful interest and while residing on his farm he served for many years as school director. Well preserved, he appears much younger than his eighty-five years, and as one of the pioneers of La Salle county he is thoroughly acquainted with its history. From the storehouse of memory he relates many interesting tales of the early days, and a well spent life has won for him the high and enduring regard of those with whom he has been associated.

DAVID H. OVERY

One of the leading and reliable bond brokers of Peoria is David H. Overy, whose offices are at 211 Commercial National Bank building, and who has built up a large and representative patronage. He was born in Winnipeg, Canada, March 22, 1892, a son of Henry James and Sarah (Mannington) Overy. His father was born in Kent county, England, February 12, 1846, and died there January 7, 1907. He followed agricultural pursuits

on an extensive scale, being the owner of three farms, and raised fruit and hops. He was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. His wife was born in Hastings, Sussex county, England, and died in Kent county, England, January 7, 1906, just one year prior to the death of her husband. To them were born nine sons and four daughters, all of whom are living excepting one son who died in 1903. David H. Overy is one of the seven brothers who saw active military service during the World war, a very unusual family record.

David H. Overy received his early education in the public schools of his native land, after which he attended King's College, at Canterbury, Kent county. He graduated from Caius College, Cambridge, England, in 1911, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in 1921-22 took a post-graduate course in Manitoba University, Winnipeg, Canada. He held a position in the excise division of the dominion government of Canada until he entered the military service of his country for the World war, going overseas in January, 1916, with the Ninetieth Winnipeg Rifles Battalion, with which command he served until December, 1917, when he was transferred to the Royal Air Forces, with which he served until the close of the war. He was honorably discharged at Shornecliff, England, in June, 1919, with the rank of lieutenant in the Aviation Corps. Returning to the United States, Mr. Overy was connected with the Page Bank Extension Service from November, 1922, until July, 1923, when he came to Peoria, as district manager of the American Bond Mortgage Company. He held that position until July, 1929, when he resigned to go into business under his own name as an investment broker. In January, 1930, he went into partnership with Charles J. Walter, and formed the investment firm of Walter-Overy, Incorporated.

On July 1, 1912, in Winnipeg, Canada, Mr. Overy was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Mary Baker, a native of Tolland Bay, Isle of Wight, England, and a daughter of the late George Baker, who was a very successful merchant at that place. Mrs. Overy graduated from Winchester College, England, and is an active member and the secretary of the Peoria Humane Society. Mr. and Mrs. Overy are the parents of a daughter, Margaret

Elsie, born February 1, 1914. Mr. Overy gives his political support to the republican party and he and his wife are members of Holy Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church. He is a director of the Peoria Humane Society and is a member of the University Club, the Cosmopolitan Club and the Investment Bankers Association. He is a man of sterling qualities and discriminating business judgment, candid and straightforward in manner, and commands the respect of those who have had dealings with him.

EDWIN C. WILSON

Edwin C. Wilson, who has continued active in newspaper work for more than a quarter of a century, is a prominent representative of journalistic interests in this part of the state as publisher of the Walnut Leader, which was founded by his father in 1892. He was born in Walnut, Bureau county, Illinois, February 15, 1886, a son of William and Louisa (Cox) Wilson. William Wilson continued the publication of the Leader until 1911 and passed away three years later, in 1914. He was likewise the editor of a paper at Prophetstown, to the publication of which he gave his personal attention, leaving the management of the Leader to his wife and his son Gordon. He was a democrat in politics prior to joining the ranks of the republican party and at one time filled the office of village clerk. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. It was at Prophetstown, Illinois, that William Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Cox, who has been identified with the publication of the Walnut Leader from the beginning. She has always been a staunch supporter of the republican party and has taken a helpful part in Red Cross activities for a number of years. By her marriage she became the mother of five children, as follows: Maud, the wife of John Meisenheimer, of Walnut; Gordon, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Agnes, the widow of E. B. Ross, of Walnut; Lulu, who is the wife of E. J. Ross, of Walnut; and Edwin C., of this review.

The last named a graduate of the local high school, was a youth of eighteen years when he entered his father's newspaper

office, where he thoroughly acquainted himself with the various phases of the newspaper publishing business. The Walnut Leader passed to his control in 1911 and has since been under his editorial management, which reflects the sound policy instituted by his honored father. The journal is devoted to the dissemination of local and general news and has a large subscription and advertising patronage.

In early manhood Edwin C. Wilson was married to Miss Gretchen M. Siebels, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Siebels, and was born, reared and educated in Sterling, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of a son, Edwin A., who attended a coaching school at Columbia, Missouri, preparing for the examination to enter the United States Naval Academy. He passed the mental test but failed in the physical examination because of defective vision. He is now attending Eureka College in preparation for a course in civil engineering.

Edwin C. Wilson is a stalwart advocate of republican principles and has served as a member of the town board. He has membership in the State Press Association and the National Editorial Association, while fraternally he is identified with the Elks lodge of Princeton and also with the Knights of Pythias. He has become widely known as a successful newspaper man and is numbered among the leading and influential citizens of the community in which he has always lived.

CARROLL CROSBY INMAN

One of the important factors in the prosperous business of the Aetna Life Insurance Company in Illinois is its assistant general agent, Carroll C. Inman, whose headquarters are at Peoria, and who is a man of much experience in insurance affairs. A native of Laurens, South Carolina, he was born on the 15th of January, 1885, a son of Henderson and Laura (Willis) Inman. His paternal grandparents were Arthur and Nancy (Mitchell) Inman, the former a native of North Carolina, who died at Tupelo, Mississippi, while serving as a private in the Union Army during the Civil war. He followed the occupation of

farming. His wife was a native of South Carolina and died in Marion county, Alabama. Henderson Inman was born in Marion county, Alabama, February 14, 1849, and died in Union county, Illinois, July 9, 1901. He had followed agricultural pursuits during the active years of his life. He was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he served with the First Alabama Cavalry in the Union Army. He was a republican in politics and was a member of the Baptist Church. His wife was born in Laurens county, South Carolina, in 1858, and died May 5, 1891, in Jonesboro, Illinois.

Carroll C. Inman graduated from high school at Hamilton, Alabama, in 1902, after which he learned telegraphy. He was employed in that capacity on the Southern Railroad for a time, later going to the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, and finally to the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, with which he remained until 1914, when he quit railroading and turned his attention to the insurance business. He was for eleven years connected with the Aetna Life Insurance Company as special agent at Peoria, after which he served as general agent for eighteen months, until August, 1926. He then became associated with the Reyburn Insurance Agency in Peoria, with which he remained for seven months. In April, 1927, Mr. Inman joined the Illinois Mutual Casualty Company as superintendent of agents, holding that position until December 1, 1929, when he became assistant general agent for Illinois of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, in which capacity he is rendering a high type of service.

On July 25, 1908, in Bowling Green, Kentucky, Mr. Inman was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Mize, a native of that place and a daughter of the late William Mize. She was a graduate of the Bowling Green high school and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Amateur Music Club of Peoria. Her death occurred in Peoria, Illinois, December 13, 1918. Mr. and Mrs. Inman were the parents of three sons, namely: Euell, born February 19, 1910; William H., born February 16, 1912; and John H., born September 25, 1918. Politically Mr. Inman is nominally a republican, but maintains an independent attitude in his voting. He belongs to Peoria

Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory A. A. S. R.; Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E., and the Association of Commerce. He is energetic, progressive and tactful in his relations with the agents of his company, and his work is productive of very satisfactory results. He is well known in insurance circles and is uniformly respected for his ability, integrity and fine personality.

ELMER A. SALM

Elmer A. Salm, who is engaged in the sheet metal contracting business, has a well equipped shop at 908 Western avenue, Peoria, and during the nine years in which he has been in business has built up an extensive patronage and gained a good reputation for reliability. He was born in Peoria, on the 25th of February, 1891, a son of Casper Phillip and Wilhelmina (Rieck) Salm. His grandfather, Casper Phillip Salm, Sr., was a native of Germany, where he married Miss Laura Seaner. On coming to the United States they located in Peoria, where Mr. Salm for a number of years was connected with the distilling firm of Woolner & Company. They spent their remaining years in this city. Casper Phillip Salm, Jr., was born in Peoria, March 17, 1858, and still lives here, being retired from active business. He is a democrat in politics and is an adherent of the Lutheran Church. His wife was born in Germany, June 10, 1866, and is a daughter of Frederick and Louisa (Stubbe) Rieck, both of whom were natives of Germany and died in Peoria. Mr. Rieck was a cattle dealer.

Elmer A. Salm was educated in the public schools of Peoria and on leaving school became an apprentice at the sheet metal trade with F. Meyer & Brother Company. He was in the employ of that firm from 1905 to 1921 and in the latter year he and William D. Schlatter formed a partnership and engaged in the sheet metal business at 205 South Madison street, under the firm name of Schlatter & Salm. They continued together until June 15, 1927, when they dissolved partnership and Mr. Salm started in the same business at 908 Western avenue, where he is still located, and is doing all kinds of sheet metal and furnace work.

On April 29, 1913, in Springfield, Illinois, Mr. Salm was united in marriage to Miss Marie Wertz, a native of Peoria and a daughter of Frank and Margaret (Blundell) Wertz. A son, Roland Elmer, was born September 26, 1915, and is now a sophomore in the Peoria high school. Mr. Salm is a member of Blanche Lodge, K. P.; Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E., and the Cosmopolitan Club, and he enjoys hunting and fishing as a means of recreation. He has been successful because he has worked hard and adhered to the highest commercial ethics in all of his relations with the public and all who have dealt with him hold him in high regard.

CONN L. CONDER

For a quarter of a century Conn L. Conder has been numbered among the leading attorneys at Pekin, having built up a large and important practice in the courts of Tazewell county. He was born at McGaheysville, Virginia, July 19, 1876, and is a son of Rev. Irenaeus and Susanna Conder. The family is of German origin, and was established in the new world by Mr. Conder's paternal great-grandfather, Louis Conder, who was a native of Germany and on coming to this country established his home in North Carolina, where he became a successful planter and there spent his remaining years. He was a veteran of the War of 1812. He married Elizabeth Mueller, who was born near Woodstock, Virginia, and died in North Carolina. They were the parents of Philip Conder, who was born at the Conder homestead near Indian Trail, North Carolina, where he lived the life of a planter, and died there in 1861. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and a very religious man. He married Miss Anna Byrum, a native of North Carolina, who died at the Conder homestead. Their son Irenaeus was born in Union county, North Carolina, October 17, 1832, and died in McGaheysville, Virginia, August 31, 1928, after a long and fruitful career as a minister of the Lutheran Church. He volunteered during the Civil war, serving in the Confederate Army. Prior to the war he attended Davidson

College and after the war he graduated from North Carolina College. He was a staunch democrat in his political views, and was a man of outstanding character and great influence in the moral and civic affairs of his community. He married Miss Susanna Conrad, who was born near Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and is now living at McGaheysville, Virginia. She is a daughter of Joseph and Sophia (Leinbach) Conrad. The former, who was a lifelong resident of Forsyth county, North Carolina, was a school teacher by profession, and also engaged in farming. His wife who came from an old Moravian family, was born near Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and died in Forsyth county, that state.

Conn L. Conder attended the public schools at McGaheysville, Virginia, and Oak Hill Academy, at that place. He completed his classical education at Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, after which he entered the John Marshall Law School, in Chicago, and was graduated, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, in 1903. In February, 1904, at Chicago, Illinois, he was admitted to the bar. He entered upon the practice of his profession, and in October, 1904, came to Pekin and formed a law partnership with Ralph Dempsey, under the firm name of Conder & Dempsey, which continued until 1908, since which time Mr. Conder has been alone in practice.

Mr. Conder is a member of the Tazewell County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a democrat in his political faith and has been active in local public affairs, having served from 1911 to 1915 as corporation counsel. His religious faith is that of the Lutheran Church. He has been chairman of the local Red Cross chapter continuously since 1919, is a veteran of the World war, was commissioned first lieutenant in the air service and went through the ground officers training school at Kelly field, San Antonio, Texas. He was given command of Aero Squadron 357, and was transferred to Mineola, Long Island, where he retained command of that organization until he was made survey officer of the First Provisional Training Wing. He remained at that post until shortly prior to his discharge on February 14,

1919. He is a member of Walter Schaeffer Post, No. 44, A. L., at Pekin, and was a delegate to the national convention of that organization at Paris, France, in September, 1927. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, was an Illinois delegate to the meetings of the head camp at Buffalo, New York, in 1911, and Chicago, Illinois, in 1912, being a member of the rules committee at both conventions. He is a member of the Tazewell Club of Pekin and is a past vice president of the Pekin Association of Commerce.

WILLIS A. CALKINS

Willis A. Calkins, regional manager for Illinois of the Remington Rand Business Service, Inc., with headquarters at Peoria, is a man of extensive business experience and is now meeting with marked success in developing and enlarging the scope of the office equipment and business record service throughout the state. He was born in Pontiac, Illinois, on the 27th of June, 1896, and is a son of Samuel M. and Charlotte (Morris) Calkins. His paternal grandparents were E. R. and Mary (Schlossler) Calkins, both of whom are natives of this state and are now living at Pontiac. E. R. Calkins is now retired, after many years of successful effort as a coal dealer. Samuel M. Calkins was born in Pontiac and is now a resident of Canton, Illinois, where he is proprietor of the Canton Bottling Works. He is a republican. His wife, who also is a native of Pontiac, is a daughter of William L. and Caroline (Dawson) Morris, both of whom were born in Indiana. The father, now deceased, was a blacksmith by trade. His widow is now living in Pontiac.

Willis A. Calkins attended the public and high schools in Canton, Illinois. He graduated from Brown's Business College, in Peoria, after which he was appointed principal of Brown's Business College at Cairo, Illinois, serving from November, 1914, until the following spring. He then became connected with the Meadows Manufacturing Company at Pontiac, Illinois, serving as bookkeeper until January, 1916, when he became assistant purchasing agent for the Holt Manufacturing Company of

Peoria. He was with that concern until January 1, 1920, when he was employed by the Moline Engine Company, at East Moline, this state, as purchasing agent, in which capacity he served for two years. He then acquired an interest in the Office System Company, at Moline, Illinois, and Davenport, Iowa, with which concern he was connected until January 1, 1925, being manager of the Davenport store. He returned to Peoria as district manager of the Kardex Company, which later became a division in the merger of the various companies now forming the Remington Rand Business Service, Inc. He is now regional manager for this concern of the state of Illinois outside of Chicago and has his headquarters at 332 Peoria Life building.

On November 27, 1914, in Canton, Illinois, Mr. Calkins was united in marriage to Miss Fyrne D. Davis, who was born and reared near that city and is a daughter of George C. and Elizabeth Ann (Berry) Davis, who are still living on their farm south of Canton.

Mr. Calkins gives his support to the republican party and he and his wife are active members of the Second Presbyterian Church. Mr. Calkins belongs to Peoria Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; the United Commercial Travelers and the Young Men's Christian Association, in the welfare of which he is greatly interested. Hunting and fishing are his favorite forms of recreation, and he likes all outdoor sports. He is an energetic and capable business man, possessing reliable judgment in practical matters, and all who know him hold him in high regard.

CHESTER SWORDS

Chester Swords, who owns and operates an extensive and prosperous coal business at 1125 West Washington street, East Peoria, was born in Limestone township, Peoria county, on the 10th of April, 1886, his parents being William A. and Clara J. (Stevens) Swords. His paternal grandparents were William and Sarah Swords, both of whom were natives of Indiana, and died at the Swords homestead in Limestone township, Peoria

county. William Swords was engaged in commercial pursuits in Indianapolis, Indiana, for some time, but came to Peoria county in a covered wagon and settled on a farm in Limestone township, where he became a pioneer farmer. William A. Swords was born in Peoria county in December, 1853, and died in that county February 22, 1915. He was an excavating contractor, owned a stone quarry, and did much concrete work, building bridges for the interurban railroad between Peoria and Minier, Illinois, as well as in the Peoria & Pekin Union Railroad switchyards. He was president of the Crescent Coal Company. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, supported the republican party and was an ardent prohibitionist. He is survived by his widow, who was born in Limestone township, and is now living in Peoria.

Chester Swords attended the public schools of Limestone township and Brown's Business College, in Peoria. He became auditor for the Cullen Construction Company of Peoria, with which he remained one year, and then engaged in the building material business in partnership with his brother, William, under the firm name of William Swords & Company, which was continued for five years. During the ensuing five years he was with the Peoria Sand and Gravel Company as sales manager, and then engaged in the coal business for himself at his present location. He is also in the ice business and sells tires, gasoline and oil, being president of the Swords Brothers Oil Company. He is energetic, is progressive in his methods and stands high in local business circles.

In 1918, in Springfield, Illinois, Mr. Swords was united in marriage to Miss Dolly Dinsmore, who is a native of Arkansas and a daughter of John and Mary (Washington) Dinsmore. Her father is deceased and her mother lives with her in Peoria. Mrs. Swords is a graduate of the Springfield (Ill.) high school. Mr. and Mrs. Swords are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Peoria and give their support to all worthy benevolent causes. Mr. Swords is independent in his political views, voting according to his best judgment. He is a member of Peoria Lodge, No. 20, B. P. O. E., the Peoria Association of Commerce, the Peoria Retail Merchants' Association, the Illinois-Wisconsin

Fuel Association, the Creve Coeur Club, the Peoria Automobile Club and the North Shore Country Club. A man of sound principles and right ideals, his record as business man and citizen has won for him a high place in public regard.

HENRY N. THOMAS

Henry N. Thomas, cashier of the Grafton State Bank, at Grafton, Jersey county, is one of the most highly regarded citizens of that locality, where he has spent his life. He was born at this place on the 14th of August, 1890, and is a son of William H. and Eliza J. (McCauley) Thomas, both of whom were born and reared at Grafton. The paternal grandfather, George Thomas, was a native of Pennsylvania, whence he migrated to Illinois in pioneer days. William H. Thomas was a carpenter by trade and built many of the first homes in Grafton, as well as many of the stores and public buildings. Both parents are deceased, the father dying in June, 1924, and the mother in October, 1928. To them were born ten children, of whom seven are living.

Henry N. Thomas, who is the seventh in order of birth, received his education in the public schools of Grafton, and then entered the employ of a large mercantile company here, with which concern he remained for eighteen years. In 1918 he entered the Grafton State Bank as teller and clerk, and in 1921 was made cashier, which responsible position he is still filling. This bank was established in 1869 by William H. Allen and Edward Pienro and has always commanded the highest degree of public confidence, due to the sound business judgment and the sterling character of those who have served as its officers.

On November 11, 1914, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Miss Alice H. Rippley, of Grafton, a daughter of George A. and Mary (Hayes) Rippley. Her father, who was a native of Missouri, was for many years the owner of the Rippley Boat Company, but sold out in 1917 and retired from active business. He and his wife still reside in Grafton. Mr. Thomas is a republican in his political views, but has never been an aspirant for

public office. During the late war he served in a crew of boat builders, constructing life boats for the United States government. He is a member of the Illinois Bankers Association. In addition to his banking duties, he is the local agent for some ten fire insurance companies. He is extremely popular among his associates and throughout the community is greatly respected.

One of the noteworthy landmarks of Jersey county is the Marquette monument at Grafton, which was dedicated September 1, 1929. This monument, which marks the spot of Marquette's first entrance into Illinois, is a cross of dolomite—a limestone-sandstone of pale buff color—seven feet six inches high, hewn from solid rock. It stands on the three Calvary steps, the whole on the ledge of a bluff that forms an eminence overlooking a plain that once was the bed of the Illinois river. The background of the cross is the weather-beaten bluff, dull gray in contrast to the buff cross, a giant tree that grows from the rocks crowning it all. From the roadway below is a flight of steps, also of dolomite, on either side, leading to the base of the cross.

FENTON C. HENINGER, D. V. M.

A learned and skilled veterinarian, public-spirited citizen and one of the esteemed residents of Newark, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession for a number of years, Dr. Fenton C. Heninger was born in Clay county, Illinois, March 28, 1888, a son of George W. and Addie (Nugent) Heninger. The latter, who was a daughter of John and Betty (Boone) Nugent, was born in Indiana and was a direct descendant of the famous frontiersman, Daniel Boone. The Doctor's grandfather in the paternal line was born in Baden Baden, Germany. To George W. and Addie Heninger were born five children, Fenton C., Myron, Cecil, George and Ethel May, the last named now deceased.

Fenton C. Heninger attended public school and after his graduation from high school entered the McKillip Veterinary College, in Chicago, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1913. He entered upon the prac-

tice of his profession at Minooka, where he remained until 1923, when he came to Newark, and has here built up a splendid practice. The Doctor is also a registered pharmacist, is the owner of a drug store and compounds his own prescriptions.

In May, 1911, Dr. Heninger was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth M. Hoyer, a daughter of John and Lerica (O'Brien) Hoyer, of Braidwood, Illinois, and they are the parents of four children, Fenton, Jr., Robley D., Wayne L., and Eunice E. Dr. Heninger gives his political support to the republican party and takes an active interest in public affairs. He has never sought office for himself, though he is serving as precinct committeeman, is filling an appointment as assistant state veterinary, and has also been a member of the school board for a number of years. He is a Mason and a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. On June 11, 1917, the Doctor enlisted for service in the World war and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the United States Veterinary Corps. He was sent overseas and was in France for eighteen months, during which period he served as adjutant of Veterinary Hospital No. Six, which he assisted in organizing. He was honorably discharged from the service May 3, 1919. A man of sterling qualities, reliable and of high ideals, during the years of his residence in Newark he has risen steadily in the respect of his fellowmen.

ROBERT KILPATRICK

The life record of Robert Kilpatrick, one of La Salle county's leading farmers, is the story of a young man's steadfast efforts to realize an ideal and of his ultimate success, so that he is today accounted one of the community's substantial citizens. Born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in March, 1864, he was there reared to the age of twelve years, when he came to the United States to win his fortune. Locating in La Salle county, Illinois, he became a farm hand, which line of work he followed for several years. He was wisely economical of his finances, so that he was eventually enabled to buy land of his own, on which he engaged in farming. By good management he made steady progress and

is now the owner of one hundred and eighty acres of fertile and well situated land, which he rents to tenants. His success has not come as the result of any lucky turn of fortune's wheel, but has been earned by hard and continuous labor and adherence to high business ideals.

Mr. Kilpatrick was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Nelson, a member of an old and well known pioneer family of this section of the state, and they are the parents of two children, Margaret and Gerald. The former is the wife of Kenneth Morrison and they are the parents of three children. Gerald lives at home with his parents. Mr. Kilpatrick is a staunch republican in his political views, and has never been lacking in his support of those things which tend to elevate the standards of living and advance the best interests of his community. He is well liked by those who know him and is greatly respected for his honorable and consistent career.

SAMUEL D. HOLDERMAN

Among the prominent and successful business men of the Illinois River Valley is numbered Samuel D. Holderman, president of the State Bank of Seneca and a large landholder, owning about two thousand acres, improved with good buildings and fences. He was born in Grundy county, Illinois, about two miles east of Seneca, on the 21st of July, 1865, and is a son of Abraham and Mary E. (Hoge) Holderman. His paternal grandfather, Abraham Holderman, Sr., was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and was one of the early settlers of the Illinois River Valley, locating near what was later called Holderman's Grove, in honor of his family. Abraham Holderman, Jr., was born in Ross county, Ohio, while his wife was a native of Virginia, her father, William Hoge, settling in Grundy county, Illinois, in 1831. To Abraham and Mary Holderman were born eight children, of whom the three eldest died in infancy. The others are: A. J., who lives in Eldorado, Kansas; A. H., who lives at Morris, Illinois; Martha Jane, the widow of the late M. B. Wilson, of Morris, Illinois; L. S., who lives in Kankakee, Illinois; and Samuel D.

The parents died respectively, November 27, 1887, and May 16, 1916.

Samuel D. Holderman received his early education in the public schools and later attended the state normal schools at Morris and Geneseo, this state. He then took up farming and has been actively identified with agricultural pursuits continuously to the present time. He is practical and progressive in his operations, in which he has been distinctively successful. A number of years ago Mr. Holderman acquired an interest in the State Bank of Seneca, of which he was vice president for some years and is now president of that institution, which is one of the solid and influential financial concerns of this section of the state.

On December 30, 1896, at Seneca, Illinois, Mr. Holderman was united in marriage to Miss Mae Wilcox, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wilcox, of that place. They became the parents of three children, namely: Gordon A., who died at the age of twenty-six years; S. J., engaged in the practice of law at Morris, who married Miss Helen Bocker and has two children, Gordon B., and Helen; and Mirriman, who is unmarried and lives at home.

In his political views Mr. Holderman is a republican and has long taken an active part in local public affairs. He has served as supervisor of his township for the past thirty-four years and is also a member of the school board. He is a Scottish Rite Mason, and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. A man of sterling personal qualities, straightforward in manner and of fine public spirit, during the long period of his residence here he has commanded the fullest measure of public confidence and respect.

FRED C. HEIDEN

The Victor Foundry, which was established and is principally owned by Fred C. Heiden, is one of East Peoria's leading industries, which position it has attained through the tireless efforts and sound business judgment of Mr. Heiden. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, on the 25th of August, 1887, and is a son of John C. and Caroline (Schinzel) Heiden, both of whom were natives of



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Germany. The father came to the United States when a young man of seventeen and learned the coopering trade, which he followed for many years. His death occurred in 1900. He was married twice, his first wife being deceased. To that union were born three children: Caroline, who is the wife of Lewis Dunker, of Des Moines, where he is serving as treasurer of the Des Moines branch of the Standard Oil Company; Amelia, the wife of Charles Lee, a farmer at Rock Falls, Iowa, and they have two sons, Carl and Ray; and Tena, who is a resident of Thawville, Illinois; she was twice married, three daughters being born to the first union and a son, John C., by the second. John C. is manager of the Schradzki-Plaut Company, of Danville, and he married Miss Celia Potthoff, a daughter of Theodore Potthoff and wife, both of whom are deceased. They have one child, Robert.

Fred C. Heiden received his educational training in the public schools of Peoria, to which city the family moved when he was two years old, and was first employed in a dry goods store, with which he was connected for four years. He then entered the employ of the Peoria Drill and Seeder Company, with which firm he remained for fourteen years as a moulder, having learned the trade with that concern. In 1917 Mr. Heiden erected a small foundry, in which he employed eight men, the business being run under the name of the Oelkers-Pfaindlar Foundry Company until 1919, when the name was changed to the Victor Foundry. The business enjoyed such rapid growth, that at the end of a year more space and greater productive capacity were needed; accordingly, two buildings forty by one hundred and twenty feet each were added. In 1920 the company erected the present building, eighty by two hundred and sixty feet in size, in which an average of about one hundred men are employed. The castings made by the Victor Foundry are mainly required in the local trade. Mr. Heiden is treasurer and superintendent of this concern and is also president of the Tazewell County Building and Loan Association of East Peoria, which was organized in 1920.

On June 25, 1913, Mr. Heiden was united in marriage to Miss Eda Marie Roth, a native of Peoria and a daughter of Otto and Helen Roth, both of whom are still living here. Her father followed the trade of a barber throughout his active life. Mr. and

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Mrs. Heiden are the parents of a son, Ray Frederick, born on July 7, 1921, and is now in school. The family are members of Trinity Lutheran Church of Peoria. Mr. and Mrs. Heiden are descended from sturdy old German stock and the parents of both are still residents of Peoria. Mr. Heiden is a member of the Ivy Yacht Club, the Association of Commerce of Peoria, the American Foundrymen's Association, and other local organizations. He has always been an ardent supporter of and booster for this section of the valley and is regarded as one of its most estimable and respected citizens.

JAMES McNABB

One of the leading newspapers of Greene county is the Carrollton Gazette, which has been published by the McNabbs, father and son, for over fifty years. This substantial old publication has been a welcome visitor into the majority of the homes of this locality for so many years that it is indispensable to them and it has been a consistent advocate of those things which make for the well-being of society. James P. McNabb, part owner of the Gazette, was born at Carrollton and is a son of James and Louise (Pierson) McNabb. The father was born in Clarksville, Missouri, November 14, 1856, and soon afterward was taken by his parents to Calhoun county, Illinois. He is a son of Hugh and Rose (McQuade) McNabb, the former having been born in Scotland and the latter in Ireland. The father died when his son James was thirteen years of age and the mother also passed away many years ago. The farm, five miles from Hardin, which Hugh McNabb bought when he moved to Calhoun county, is still in possession of the family, being now operated by Hugh's son Frank, a twin brother of James. Another brother, Hugh, was killed during the Civil war.

James McNabb was reared on a farm in the Oak Grove school district, near Gilead, where he received a common school education. On March 7, 1874, he was granted a teacher's certificate and taught school for twelve years, seven years of that period as principal of the Hardin graded school. On March 17, 1877, he

was appointed county superintendent of schools of Calhoun county by the board of county commissioners. He was twice re-elected to that office, serving ten years, and declined a third election after being nominated. On March 10, 1881, he bought the Calhoun Herald, which he edited, in addition to his other duties, for six years. He bought a half interest in the Carrollton Gazette in 1886 and on July 19th of that year came to Carrollton and took editorial charge of the paper, which position he still fills. He is a forceful and effective writer and through the columns of his paper has always exerted a salutary influence on the community.

Mr. McNabb was admitted to the bar January 14, 1895, by the state supreme court and was admitted to practice in the United States district court for the southern district of Illinois on January 5, 1907. On May 1, 1893, he was appointed a member of the state board of public charities by Governor John P. Altgeld and served four years. On March 10, 1895, he was appointed master in chancery for the circuit court of Greene county, Illinois, by Judge George W. Herdman, was reappointed March 10, 1899, by Judge O. P. Thompson, was reappointed by Judge R. B. Shirley, Judge Frank W. Burton and Judge Norman L. Jones in succession and is still the incumbent of that office, his long retention in which stands in evidence of the capable and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged his duties. He was elected a director of the Greene County National Bank, January 14, 1908, and is still a member of the board.

James McNabb was married, June 26, 1889, to Miss Louise M. Pierson and they are the parents of one child, James P. Mr. McNabb has always supported the democratic party and has been a member of the democratic state central committee for the twentieth congressional district since October 15, 1910. On April 17, 1917, he was elected mayor of Carrollton and served two years. Mr. McNabb is a member of Carrollton Lodge, No. 50, A. F. & A. M.; Carrollton Chapter, No. 77, R. A. M.; Hugh De-Payens Commandery, No. 29, K. T.; Carrollton Camp, No. 476, M. W. A., and the Illinois Press Association. Mr. McNabb has edited a newspaper for fifty consecutive years and has been master in chancery for the circuit court of Greene county for

thirty-five years. From 1876 until 1883, through the summer months, he did commercial work with the John Mullally Commission Company in St. Louis.

James P. McNabb attended the public schools of Carrollton, and after graduating from high school attended the University of Colorado three years. During the World war he spent eight months in Paris, France, in civilian work for the United States war department. This was followed by four years under the sergeant-at-arms in the house of representatives at Washington, D. C. Later he spent some time in Denver, Colorado, after which he returned to Carrollton and acquired an interest in the Carrollton Gazette, to the welfare of which he is devoting his close attention. Mr. McNabb was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Moffatt, who was born in Denver, Colorado, and was educated there and in Chicago. She is a daughter of Samuel Moffatt. Mr. McNabb is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He is a man of sterling qualities, possesses the newspaper instinct and has relieved his father of much of the detail of management since joining him in business. He enjoys a wide acquaintance throughout this section of the county and is deservedly popular throughout the range of his acquaintance.

NEWTON M. STRICKFADEN

Newton M. Strickfaden, who is the owner of an up-to-date gas and oil service station, at 153 W. Washington street, East Peoria, has attained success because he has worked hard, and with intelligence, and because he has won the confidence of the people who have need of service in his line. He was born in Groveland township, Tazewell county, Illinois, on October 31, 1898, on one of the farms of his parents, John and Mary Strickfaden, both of whom were born, reared, and still live in the same community in which Newton was born. The parents and son alike are ardent members of the Groveland Evangelical Church, which is the social center of their neighborhood. His father, John Strickfaden, is a republican in politics as is his son, and as

a republican, has rendered most efficient service to his township by his services as supervisor for a succession of terms, and to his county as a member of its board of review for ten consecutive years, and to the educational interests of his township by serving it as school treasurer for twenty-six years, still holding that position with great credit to himself and to the cause. His wife was a daughter of Jacob and Sophia Pauly, who came to this country from Bavaria, Germany, many years ago, settling where their daughter was born, and where they were prosperous farmers throughout their entire lives. His grandparents on the paternal side were Joseph and Marie Strickfaden, the former coming to this country in his young manhood from Baden, Germany, and the latter as a girl of eleven years of age from Alsace, France, to the western part of New York, where they were later married, and about 1848 they moved into the locality in Illinois where their children and grandchildren were born, Newton M. Strickfaden among them. Newton M. Strickfaden was educated in the rural school of his community, from which he graduated with honors, receiving from the hands of the superintendent of his county a highest grade diploma, after which in a post graduate course he was made possessor of the knowledge of the sciences. For a number of years he labored on his father's farms, after which he took employment with the American Oil Company of Peoria, working for them for two and one-half years, going then into the garage business on his own account next door to where his extended operations are now carried on. In 1925 he purchased and built up the property where he is now established, and is so successfully serving the public.

On the 6th of April, 1926, he took to himself as bride Miss Kathleen Mary Thornton. They were married in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church of Peoria, by the rector, Father William L. Essex. The parents of the bride were Oliver Thornton, born in Otley, Yorkshire, England, and Mary (Bake) Thornton, his wife, born in Stockton, County Durham, England, while the bride was born in Starbeck, Yorkshire, England, on the 23rd of November, 1899, where she was later christened into the Protestant Episcopal Church of England. When ten years of age, she came to this country with her people, where she grew up, finishing her rural,

and then her high school work in East Peoria. Into the family of Mr. Strickfaden and wife have come two lovely little boy babies, the first, little Barrie, on the 4th day of July, 1927, lingering in this world but a very brief time, and then going back to God whence he came. The second, David Glyn, was born on the 22d of December, 1928, and is at this writing growing into a very fine specimen of a boy, giving great promise. Mr. Strickfaden is a member of the East Peoria Lodge, No. 668, I. O. O. F. He is an all around man of sunny disposition, able to see a silver lining in every cloud. He is a lover of the great national sport of baseball. He is a sportsman born, with the hunting of wild ducks a preference, and at which he proves his very special prowess. He is a member of the Pekin Rod and Gun Club.

Mr. Strickfaden is today the owner of one of the best equipped and complete service stations in central Illinois. He not only carries a complete line of oils and gases, but a large stock of tires as well, and has a fully equipped repair shop. He is also a subdealer of Ford cars, and carries a full line of accessories. By close application to business, and fair dealing with the traveling public, he has built up a business second to none of its kind, holding the deepest respect of all who have learned to know him. He owns the resident properties adjoining his service station, but his residential home is on the beautiful East Peoria Heights bluffs that overlook the city of Peoria, the magnificent Peoria lake, and the picturesque river valley beneath, through which flows away to a southern gulf that grandest of streams, "the Illinois."

HERBERT LYLE BABCOCK

Among the active and successful young business men of Canton is Herbert Lyle Babcock, owner of the Babcock Printery at 69 East Elm street. He is a native son of Canton, Illinois, born June 6, 1905, his parents being Charles Abram and Olive Ann (Weaver) Babcock. Charles A. Babcock, born in Fulton county, this state, February 24, 1879, was a son of William H. Babcock. He received a grade school education, and during his active years

he followed the carpenter trade. He died April 10, 1930, and is buried at Canton. His political support was given to the republican party and he enjoyed an enviable reputation as a substantial and highly esteemed citizen of the community which was his lifelong home. Hunting and fishing were his favorite forms of recreation. His widow, Mrs. Olive Ann (Weaver) Babcock, was born in Fulton county, Illinois, August 22, 1883, and is a daughter of Barty Weaver, a prominent farmer of Bryant, this state. She was educated in the public schools of her home neighborhood, is a woman of many lovable qualities and is exceedingly popular among her friends. She still resides in Canton.

Herbert L. Babcock was a youth of eighteen years when he graduated from the Canton high school in 1923. During his student days he was treasurer of the sophomore and senior classes and also played on the football team. In vacation periods and after school hours he worked in the office of the Canton Daily Ledger, and following his graduation he entered the employ of the International Harvester Company, with which he remained for one and one-half years. On the expiration of that period he returned to the office of the Canton Ledger and continued therein until 1925, when he associated himself with Strong, The Printer, and dedicated his time and energies to "the art preservative of all other arts." On the death of Mr. Strong, in 1926, he purchased the plant from the heirs and has since carried on the business very successfully. The printing plant is up-to-date in its equipment, being probably the largest in the city, and has facilities for a highly varied line of printing. The office of the Babcock Printery is located on the ground floor of the Randolph building and the owner and proprietor has proved himself a capable business man, devoting his attention closely to his commercial affairs.

On the 22d of June, 1927, Mr. Babcock was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Faye Redfern, a daughter of Elmer E. and Ann (Greene) Redfern, of Canton. She was born November 18, 1903, graduated from the Canton high school in 1922 and then spent several years in the employ of the E. H. Whitney Dry Goods Company, after which she was with the Worthen-McCartney Company until her marriage. She is a republican in her political

views, while her religious faith is indicated by her membership in the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Babcock has always been a lover of athletic sports. By her marriage she has become the mother of a son, Gordon Ray, born July 13, 1928. She has four sisters and five brothers, two of whom, Cliff and Don, are veterans of the World war, the former serving in the army and the latter in the navy.

In politics Mr. Babcock is a supporter of the republican party. He is an active member of the Presbyterian Church and is a director of the Young Men's Christian Association. He belongs to the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club, as well as the Illinois Hunters and Fishers Association. Like his estimable young wife, he is partial to athletics and outdoor sports. Mr. Babcock is a constant booster for Canton, has proved a loyal and public-spirited citizen and has well merited the prosperity which is now his.

ALFRED A. KNAPP, M. D.

Dr. Alfred A. Knapp, a worthy representative of the medical profession in Peoria, who has had many years of practice and since coming to this city has earned a wide reputation as a learned and capable physician, was born at Danbury, Connecticut, on the 22d of May, 1868, a son of Elnathan and Sarah Ann (Quinby) Knapp. He is a scion of an old American family, his great-great-grandfather, Elnathan Knapp, Sr., a Revolutionary soldier, having been born in Danbury, Connecticut, in 1735, and died February 20, 1818. He was the father of Elnathan Knapp, Jr., who was the father of Ira Knapp, who was born in Danbury, Connecticut, June 6, 1804, and there died January 22, 1874. He was a farmer. He married Miss Thankful Barnum, who was born in Danbury, March 3, 1806, and died there July 1, 1890. They became the parents of Elnathan Knapp, father of Alfred A., who was born in Danbury, March 30, 1831, and died in Henry, Illinois, February 2, 1889. He followed farming, gave his political support to the democratic party and was a member of the Christian Church. Sarah Ann (Quinby) Knapp was born in Milan, New York, June

22, 1828, and died in Henry, Illinois, July 14, 1903. She was a daughter of Aaron and Mary (Wilbur) Quinby, the former a life-long resident of New York state, his death occurring at Edinburg. He was a farmer and belonged to the Quaker Church. His wife was a daughter of Ruben and Susan (Dean) Wilbur, the former born April 14, 1772, and died on April 3, 1858, at Northampton, New York, while his wife was born on April 4, 1778, and died March 16, 1821, at the same place.

Alfred A. Knapp attended the public schools of Henry, Illinois, and received a teacher's certificate. He then matriculated in Rush Medical College, Chicago, from which he was graduated, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1891. He served as interne in the Cook County Hospital for eighteen months and then entered upon the practice of his profession at Brimfield, Peoria county, where he remained for sixteen years. He next took a year of post-graduate work in Vienna, Austria, and on his return located in Peoria, establishing his office at 512 Jefferson building, where he has remained to the present time. He has met with more than ordinary success in his professional work and commands a large practice.

On June 26, 1894, in Henry, Illinois, Dr. Knapp was united in marriage to Miss Mary Luella McCune, who was born in Washburn, Illinois, and is a daughter of James A. and Jessie (Babbs) McCune, both of whom are deceased. Mr. McCune was long engaged in stock buying. Mrs. Knapp is a graduate of the Henry high school, and is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Peoria Women's Club and the Amateur Music Club. Dr. and Mrs. Knapp are the parents of a daughter, Mary Lenore, who graduated from the Bradley Polytechnic Institute in 1914, from the University of Chicago with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1918, and in the following year received the degree of Master of Arts from that institution. She taught two years in the Princeton high school, followed by one year at LaGrange, Illinois, and four years as a teacher in the Bradley Polytechnic Institute. She is now serving as secretary to her father.

Dr. Knapp is a republican in politics and fraternally is a member of Temple Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M.; and Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R., belonging also to the University Club. He

is a member of the Peoria County Medical Society, of which he is a past president; the Illinois State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and also is a past president of the medical staff of the Methodist Hospital of Central Illinois. He and his wife are members of the First Congregational Church. The Doctor's favorite diversion is genealogy. He has the names and personal records of nearly six thousand persons by the name of Knapp, and he contemplates issuing a genealogical record of the branch of the family to which he belongs.

W. D. WALDRIP

In the discharge of the important duties which devolve upon him as principal of the Streator township high school, W. D. Waldrip brings to bear comprehensive training and broad experience in the educational field. He was born in Attica, Fountain county, Indiana, in 1880 and is a son of Isaac W. and Alice (Osborn) Waldrip, the former also a native of that county, in which the family settled in 1818, when the district was largely a wilderness. Mr. and Mrs. Waldrip became the parents of five children: Cliff, superintendent of schools at Minonk, Illinois; Guy; W. D.; Enid, who is engaged in teaching at Attica; and Mrs. E. E. Brown, also a resident of Attica.

Reared in his native town, W. D. Waldrip there pursued his studies until the completion of his high school course and then entered the University of Indiana, which conferred upon him the A. B. degree in 1903. Afterward he attended the State Normal School at Terre Haute, Indiana, where he won the M. A. degree in 1907, and later was a teacher of history there. For six years he was a teacher at Richmond, Indiana, and since 1913 has been principal of the township high school at Streator. During the eighteen years of his incumbency in the position he has labored along constructive lines, exerting his best efforts in behalf of the school, and beneficial results have attended his activities. He keeps in close touch with the most advanced thought and methods in regard to the scholastic training of children and is a progressive educator of high standing.

In the Masonic order Mr. Waldrip has taken the thirty-second degree and is a Noble of the Mystic Shrine at Peoria, Illinois. He is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and has membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, whose teachings are exemplified in his daily life.

STEPHEN McDONALD

One of Calhoun county's most highly respected citizens is Judge Stephen McDonald, who, after a long and active career in business and public affairs, is now retired, devoting his attention to the management of his extensive private interests. He was born November 21, 1845, on a farm five miles south of Hardin, and is a son of John and Nancy (Red) McDonald, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. His father followed farming and was for many years actively interested in political affairs as a democrat. He served three terms as sheriff of Calhoun county and was a member of the state legislature at the time of his death, in 1846. He was survived many years by his widow, who passed away in 1883. To this worthy couple were born nine children, all of whom are deceased excepting Stephen, who is the youngest child.

Stephen McDonald received a very good education for his day, attending the public schools of his home neighborhood, remaining on the home farm with his mother until eighteen years of age, when he attended Notre Dame University, at South Bend, Indiana. Later he taught school for a number of years. He has been a large land owner for many years, and now has seventeen hundred and thirty acres of land in Calhoun county. The supervision of this property entails much work, but Mr. McDonald is hale and hearty, despite his years, and not only looks carefully after his own affairs, but is still keenly interested in public matters affecting the welfare of his locality. For many years he served as president of the Bank of Calhoun County at Hardin.

In 1872 Mr. McDonald was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth McGinnis, who was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and is a daughter of John and Bridget McGinnis, both of whom were na-

tives of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have had eleven children, Leo, Charles, John, Francis, Edward, James, Clarence, Clara, Annie, Marian and Maud, of whom Edward and James are deceased. Mr. McDonald is a democrat and has been actively interested in public affairs since young manhood. In 1872 he was elected clerk of the circuit court of Calhoun county, in which position he served until 1880, when he was elected judge of the county court, serving in that capacity in a very able and satisfactory manner until 1892. He is a member of St. Norbert's Roman Catholic Church, which has one of the finest religious edifices in Hardin. In 1914 Mr. McDonald built the finest home in Hardin, containing twelve rooms and constructed of concrete blocks, where he lives with his good wife and their grandchildren. He is a man of unquestioned integrity of character, generous disposition and straightforward manner, has always commanded the highest respect on the part of his fellowmen, and is one of Hardin's foremost citizens.

CHESTER ROLAND ARNOLD

Chester R. Arnold, who is successfully engaged in the retail grocery business at 213 East Washington street, East Peoria, has spent his entire business career in this line and the success which is his has been gained through his sound policy and progressive methods. Born in East Peoria on the 27th of June, 1899, he is a son of Charles C. and Harriet (Leedy) Arnold. His father was born near East Peoria, and is now a resident of this city, engaged in the manufacture of granite blocks. He is a democrat in politics and has been active in local public affairs, having served as a member of the board of aldermen and as mayor for two terms. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a son of J. J. and Mary Ann (Allen) Arnold, both of whom are deceased. The former was born in Tazewell county, Illinois, and died near East Peoria. He was a farmer by occupation and was a veteran of the Civil war. His wife was born in England and is still living in East Peoria. Harriet (Leedy) Arnold was born at Altamont, Illinois, and is a daughter of Samuel Leedy, a

native of Ohio, who died in East Peoria. He served in the Union Army during the Civil war. His wife, also a native of Ohio, died in East Peoria.

Chester R. Arnold attended the public schools, graduating from the East Peoria high school, and then entered the employ of George Laughlin & Company, grocers in Peoria, with whom he remained for two years, when he enlisted for service in the World war. He went into training at Parris Island, South Carolina, where he remained three months, going then to Quantico, Virginia, for the same length of time. He was sent overseas with the Eighty-second Company, Sixth Marines, Second Division, and served twelve months in France. He was honorably discharged from the service, with the rank of corporal, at Quantico, Virginia. On his return to East Peoria, Mr. Arnold was for a time associated with his father in the retail grocery business in East Peoria, but on June 1, 1920, sold his interest in the store to his father and opened a retail grocery store for himself at 736 West Washington street. He established a good business there, remaining at that location until June 15, 1929, when he moved to his present well arranged and attractive store at 213 East Washington street. He carries a large and carefully selected stock of staple and fancy groceries and commands a good trade.

On May 27, 1919, in East Peoria, Mr. Arnold was united in marriage to Miss Beulah Belle Boundy, a native of Hanna City, Peoria county, and a daughter of James R. and Edith (Sawyer) Boundy, of East Peoria. Mrs. Arnold is a graduate of the East Peoria high school and is a member of the Royal Neighbors and the Daughters of Rebekah. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are the parents of three children: Chester R., Jr., born May 29, 1922; Charles Lindbergh, born May 18, 1927; and Charles Lowell, born August 25, 1928.

In his political views Mr. Arnold is independent, voting according to the dictates of his judgment, regardless of party lines. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and give their earnest support to those things which promote the moral status of the community. Mr. Arnold is a member of Hilton Lodge, No. 1143, A. F. & A. M.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; East Peoria Lodge, No.

668, I. O. O. F.; the American Legion; the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and the East Peoria Retail Grocers Association. By a straightforward, honorable course in business, he has won a high place in public confidence and has well merited the prosperity which is his.

JUDGE WILLIAM E. VINER

It is not often that a man turns his attention to one of the learned professions in middle life and achieves a noteworthy success in it, but in Judge William E. Viner is found an outstanding instance, for not only has he gained recognition as an able, resourceful and successful lawyer, but as a jurist has made an enviable record. Judge Viner was born in DeKalb county, Illinois, on the 16th of August, 1860, and received his early education in the district and public schools. At the age of sixteen years he began to learn the jeweler's trade, and two years later became a resident of Morris, where he has since lived. For a number of years he was identified with various business interests, in which he was fairly successful. In young manhood his ambition was to become a lawyer, but in deference to his mother's disapproval of the idea he turned his attention to other things at that time, though later he read law after a fashion. However, he did not apply himself seriously to the study of law until forty years of age and in 1906 was admitted to practice. He soon gained recognition as a sound and reliable attorney and built up a gratifying practice. He served as city attorney of Morris for eleven years, resigning that office to assume the duties of judge of the county court, to which he was elected in 1922. So eminently satisfactory was his service on the bench that in 1926 he was elected to succeed himself and is generally regarded as one of the leading jurists of his section of the state. His decisions are marked by sound reasoning, logic and clarity and but rarely has one of his opinions been reversed by a superior court. He is one of the few outside judges to be called into Chicago to serve under Judge Harry Olson and he now serves four days each week as a judge in the municipal court.

In 1886 Judge Viner was united in marriage to Miss Jessie M. Hastings and they are the parents of two children, Charles H., who is connected with the New York Life Insurance Company in Chicago, and Mrs. Veda V. Hooker, of Jacksonville, Florida. In his political views Judge Viner is a republican, while fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, in which order he has passed through the chairs. He maintains professional affiliation with the Grundy County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is a man of high ideals, has adhered closely to the noblest traditions of his profession and throughout Grundy county commands the highest measure of respect.

FREDERICK MORRIS FRANKFORT MEIXNER, M. D.

The medical profession has been honored by the career and able services of Dr. Frederick M. F. Meixner, who has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Peoria for the past seventeen years and commands a large practice. He was born in Dayton, Ohio, September 15, 1884, a son of Fred and Catherine (Neiderberger) Meixner, who are now living in Chillicothe, Illinois. His father was born in Holabach, Baden, Germany, July 10, 1860, and is a blacksmith by trade. He was brought up in the Roman Catholic Church, and gives active support to the democratic party, having served as a member of the board of aldermen. His wife was born at Suenstetten, Wurtemberg, Germany, June 18, 1868.

Frederick M. F. Meixner attended the public and high schools of Chillicothe, Illinois, graduated from Brown's Business College, Peoria, in 1902, and from the Association Academy, in Chicago, in 1904, and then entered the University of Illinois, from which he received the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Graduate in Pharmacy in 1906. He matriculated in the medical school of Northwestern University, from which he was graduated as a Doctor of Medicine in 1911, after which he served two years as interne in the Cook County Hospital, Chicago. In 1913 Dr. Meixner located in Peoria, where he has practiced medicine to the present time, specializing in diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the heart

and lungs. His first office was in the Jefferson building, but in 1920 he moved to 827 Peoria Life building, where he has well equipped offices. He is a past president of the medical staff of the Methodist Hospital of Central Illinois, is internist for the consulting staff of the Peoria State Hospital and clinician of the Illinois State Tuberculosis Association. He was also formerly director of the Peoria Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium, and is now medical examiner for the aeronautics branch of the Department of Commerce of the United States, and is instructor in first aid for the American Red Cross.

Dr. Meixner was married in Chicago, October 18, 1913, to Miss Lillian Grace Payne, who was born and reared in that city and is a daughter of Winfield Scott and Emma (Turrell) Payne, the former now deceased. Mrs. Meixner is a graduate of the Wendell Phillips high school, Chicago, and of Northwestern University. She belongs to the Women's Club, the College Club, the Pan-Hellenic Club, the Amateur Music Club and the Phi Beta Phi Alumnae Association. Dr. and Mrs. Meixner are the parents of two daughters, Marjorie Ellen, born August 13, 1914, and Josephine, born February 1, 1916.

Doctor Meixner is a republican in his political views and has been active in local elections, having served as vice president of the executive committee of the Fourth Ward Republican Club, and chairman of the patronage committee. He belongs to Illinois Lodge, No. 263, F. & A. M.; Peoria Chapter, No. 7, R. A. M.; Peoria Commandery, No. 3, K. T.; Peoria Consistory, A. A. S. R.; Mohammed Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; Peoria Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also a member of the University Club, the Mount Hawley Country Club, the Illinois Valley Yacht and Canoe Club, the Lions Club, the Brotherhood of American Yeoman and the Gleaners Club of Peoria. He is vice president of the Brown's College Alumni Association and is affiliated with the Peoria County Medical Society, the Illinois State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, the Association of Anesthetists of America, the Interstate Post-Graduate Medical Association of North America and the American Association for the Study of Internal Secretions. He is president of the Peoria Humane So-

ciety and is a member of the executive committee of the Peoria County Tuberculosis Society, of which he is an ex-president. He served as commissioner of health of the city of Peoria and was formerly director of health of the Peoria public schools. He is greatly interested in work among the boys and is commissioner of Creve Coeur Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He and his wife belong to the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of its official board. During the World war he served as chest examiner on exemption board No. 2, Peoria, and took an active part in the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. His favorite forms of recreation are hunting and boating and for diversion he is interested in music, being a member of the vested choir of the First Methodist Church and of Mohammed Temple chanters. While his profession makes heavy demands on his time, he permits nothing to interfere with his interest in the general welfare and progress of his city and county and cooperates heartily in every movement for the public good. He is recognized as a capable and dependable physician and commands one of the largest practices in this locality.

IRVINE R. WASSON

Irvine R. Wasson, who has been engaged in the practice of law in Peoria for the past sixteen years, is widely known as a competent, successful and honorable attorney and has won a large and representative clientele. He was born in this city, on the 9th of December, 1878, a son of James T. and Jennie (Erskine) Wasson. His father was born in Schenectady, New York, December 2, 1840, and died in Peoria, Illinois, August 5, 1916. He was a republican in politics and was active and prominent in local public affairs, having served as deputy sheriff, member of the Peoria fire department, policeman, superintendent of the county farm and deputy city collector. On April 25, 1861, he responded to President Lincoln's call for seventy-five thousand volunteers and was one of the first soldiers to leave Peoria. After serving three years, he reenlisted and served until the close of the war. He was first under the command of Colonel Oglesby and later under

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll. His wife was born at Nicholasville, Ohio, June 20, 1846, and died in Chicago, March 5, 1912, although a resident of Peoria.

Irvine R. Wasson attended the public schools of Peoria and then took up the study of law in the office of Joseph Weil, one of this city's able attorneys. He was admitted to the bar of this state in 1913 and has practiced his profession here to the present time. He is a determined and resourceful lawyer and commands the respect of all who have been associated with him. He has also served as United States commissioner for the southern district of Illinois.

On June 30, 1915, in Peoria, Mr. Wasson was united in marriage to Miss Grace Halstead, who was born and reared in this city and is a daughter of Joshua P. and Amelia (Langenberg) Halstead. Her father is deceased and her mother is still a resident of Peoria. Mrs. Wasson is a graduate of the Peoria high school and is a member of the Universalist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Wasson are the parents of two children, Irvine R., Jr., born November 23, 1916, and Herbert J., born February 17, 1921. Mr. Wasson is a staunch republican and has always shown a keen interest in public affairs. During the World war he performed very effective service as a Four-Minute speaker and loyally supported every local activity. He was appointed United States commissioner in 1917 by Hon. Otis Humphrey, United States district judge, now deceased, and served until May, 1919. He belongs to the Peoria County Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. His favorite forms of recreation are hunting and fishing, in both of which he is an expert.

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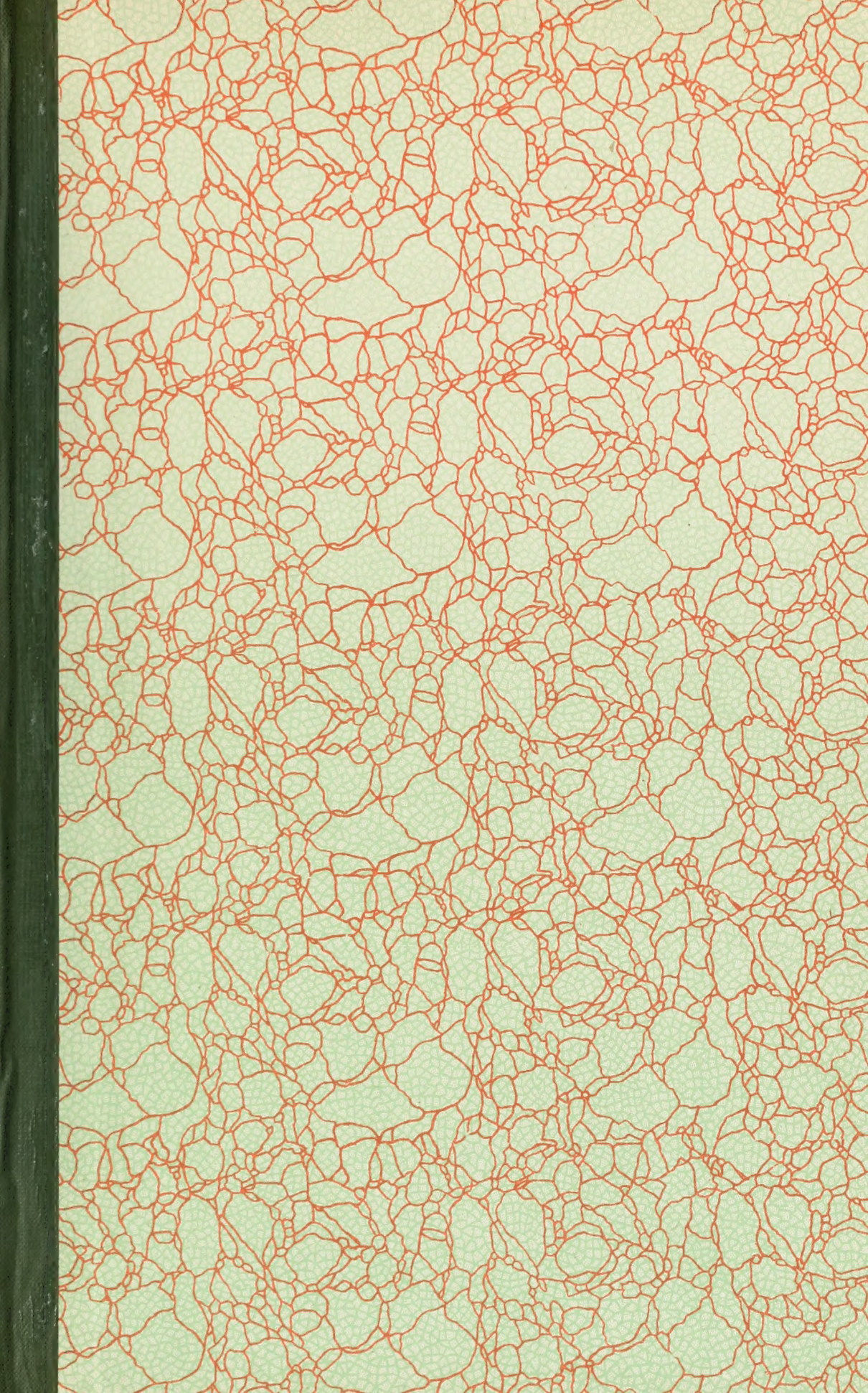
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